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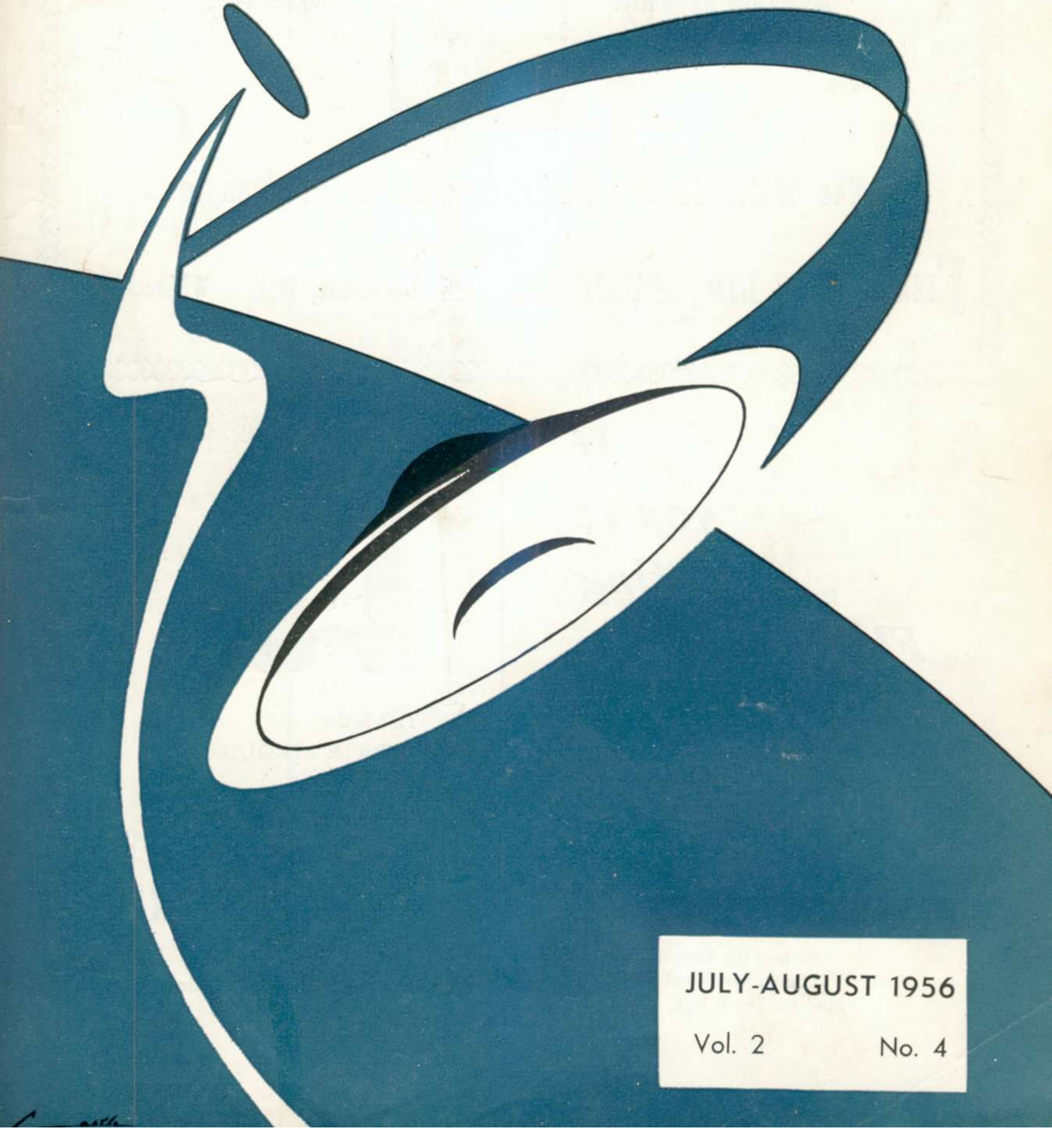

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SINCE it first appeared in February, 1955, we on FLYING SAUCER REVIEW have maintained a policy of aloofness with regard to nuclear weapons, atomic tests and the peaceful uses to which nuclear physics are being put; and for no other reason than that our object was to investigate flying saucers and to present news and findings about them.

The recent test explosions in the Pacific and the forthcoming British trials in Australia have changed our views, however. We are worried, because it seems that our scientists have gone quite beserk over nuclear power and are losing all sense of proportion over the magnitude of the explosion the structure of this world can take.

Proof of this loss of sense of proportion was vividly high-lighted last May when the Americans dropped the biggest H-bomb yet exploded. A " Murderous Mushroom," it was 1,000 times more powerful than the pill dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. It had a luminosity of 500 suns. Yet the boys who made it and tested it said it was " the most stupendous release of explosive energy on earth." They even got lyrical over the fearful beauty of the spectacle. It all chills the spine when the object of the exercise is remembered; but the question we would like answered is this one: " How long will it be before the nuclear physicists regard the force of 20,000,000 tons of T.N.T. as a mere toy pistol cap?"

Already one Valiant jet bomber can carry a greater power of destruction than all the aircraft of Bomber Command could muster during the war. The R.A.F. has close on 100 of these aircraft and will soon have hundreds more V-bombers capable of delivering an atomic punch. In the United States Air Force more than 1,000 B.47 medium jet bombers and about 100 B.52 heavy bombers are available to carry the H-bomb; and in Russia aircraft designers and manufacturers have made such strides that they may well have outstripped the power of the West's bomber force.

What point is there in continuing atomic tests? There is none! For the great nations of the world have the power to destroy not only civilisation, but life itself.

In the long run the peaceful uses of atomic energy will also lead to anihilation. For, as more and more nuclear power stations are erected, so will the atmosphere, the land and the sea be polluted with radioactive waste until saturation makes life impossible.

What is the alternative? All the money now being spent on nuclear development should be channelled into solving the secrets of gravity. The results would provide us with benefits far outstripping the benefits atomic energy could ever give us and at the same time bring us closer to one of the most basic and powerful forces in the cosmos . . . and without the need to use brute force to extract it. Others in the Universe have done it . . . so can we!

H-TESTS 'MUST END'

Radiation Hazards

Washington, Monday. — Dr. Ralph Lapp, an atomic scientist, predicted that halting of hydrogen bomb tests "must inevitably come" and urged that U.S. take the lead. Painting a dark picture of radiation hazards as among the reasons for international co-operation in at least limiting tests, he said President Eisenhower should issue a "definitive statement" of such hazards.—Reuter. Ev. News 8/10/56

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RADIO-ACTIVE CATTLE

Local cattle slaughtered at Alice Springs—about 400 miles from Maralinga, in Australia — have been found to be heavily affected by radio-activity.

NEWS REPORT

UFO PICTURE OF 1956

A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY, Michael Savage, of San Bernardino, California, got a one-in-a million photo of a flying saucer the very first time he took pictures with his new birthday camera.

On Thursday, July 19, Michael, who is the son of a doctor, had just arrived home with his new Brownie Holiday Flash and some film. It was the first camera that he had ever owned.

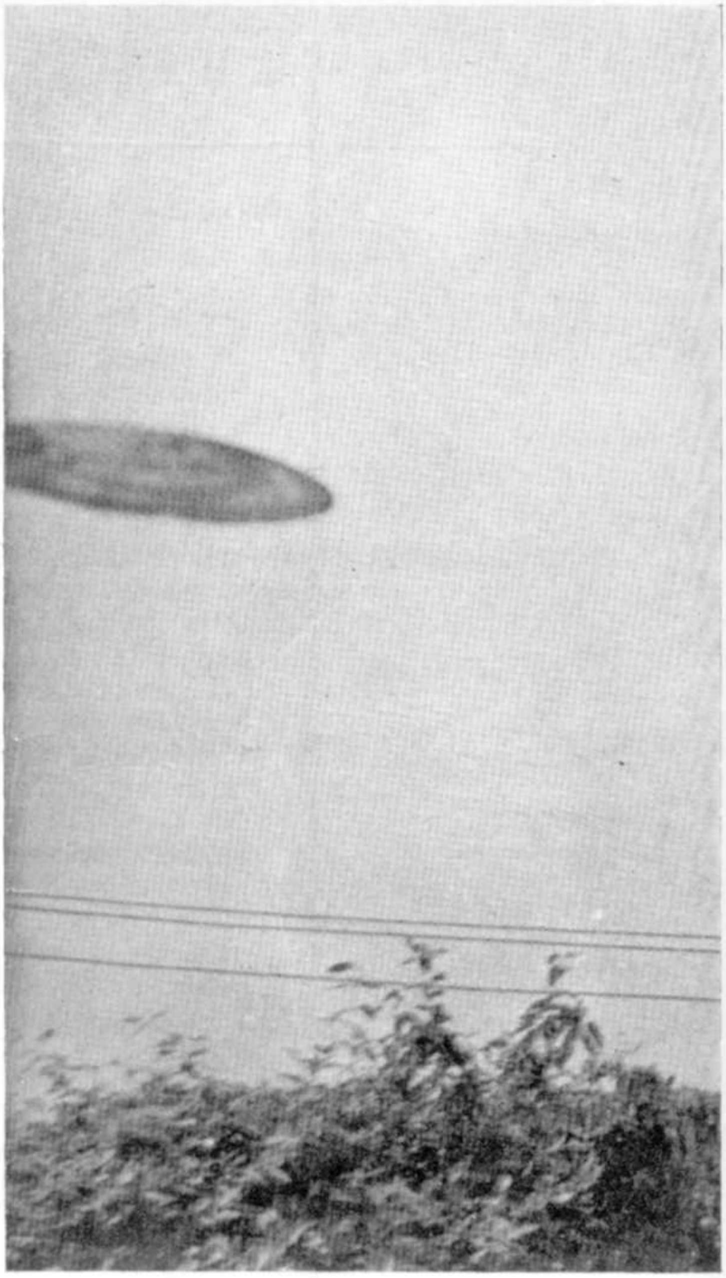
He started to take some pictures of his home to test out his new possession. Michael was lying on the grass in the backyard, about to take a picture, when a movement caught his eye.

He turned to see what it was and saw a disc-shaped object at no great distance receding rapidly.

At once Michael turned his camera and took a picture. Afterwards he tried to watch the object and to wind the film at the same time. The result was that he overwound it and the next shot showed nothing.

Michael said the object did not disappear over the horizon, but seemed to dwindle as it disappeared. "It disappeared because of distance only, not going over the horizon. It was gone within 30 seconds after I spotted it."

A neighbour, Dr. Leonard M. Taylor, who has made a wide study of u.f.o. phenomena, said the



THE EDITORSHIP

IT is with the greatest regret FLYING SAUCER REVIEW announces that Mr. Derek D. Dempster, who has so ably edited the magazine since its inception, has felt it necessary to give up the editorship for personal and business reasons.

He is succeeded as Editor by The Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench, who has worked closely with Mr. Dempster in saucer research.

Mr. le Poer Trench will continue to have the advice and support of Mr. Dempster in editing the magazine, thus ensuring the continuity of its policy.

It is felt that all readers of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW will agree with the decision to keep Mr. Dempster's name permanently on the first page as First Editor, to commemorate his very fine work in bringing the magazine to its present high standard.

saucer flew right over his house. Dr. Taylor continued: "I have been looking for a saucer for two years, and Mike gets a picture of one."

The doctor confirmed that this was not a fake. It was, he said, one of the first pictures Michael had taken. Dr. Taylor added: "He doesn't know enough about it to fake them."

Furthermore, the doctor said, Mike got his picture on the same day that Kansas reported u.f.o.s in early dawn skies. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported a naval air station had picked up on its radar a ball of fire travelling east at a high rate of speed.

Three days later, witnesses in the Fresno area reported egg-shaped objects in the sky.

Dr. Taylor said he had informed the U.S.A.F. at George Air Force Base of Michael's photo and they showed interest.

Subsequently, Michael reported that the object he photographed was fuzzy of its own accord. By that he meant that it was making itself indistinct by some processes of its own. The saucer had a metallic colour—silvery grey—and was very bright.

He said that it went at a 55 degree angle upwards and disappeared.

Michael affirmed that the Air Force would give him a final report in about two months.

"I really didn't know what it was at the time, so I waited until I got the prints back before saying anything," he said.

Michael Savage is to be congratulated on his amazing success in getting such a picture; but it should be remembered that he is not the first boy to do so. The list of u.f.o. photos taken by boys with inexpensive cameras is getting quite formidable. Two others may be recalled here.

On February 15, 1954, 13-year-old Stephen Darbishire (also the son of a doctor) snapped a saucer with his Kodak, while out with his young cousin, 8-year-old Adrian Myer, on the summit of the hill behind his home at Coniston, Lancashire, England.

Later, in December of the same year, 16-year-old Harold Cummins, of Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton, England, got a photo of a saucer with his box camera. Harold's photo, published later in the *Junior Sketch* on March 1, 1955, showed a dark saucer-shaped object hovering low in the sky.

There are two interesting similarities about both Michael's and Harold's photos. In each case the saucer was flying low, and both boys decided to say nothing about what they had photographed until the saucers appeared on the negatives!

BRAZIL SAYS SAUCERS REAL

THE Brazilian Air Force in an official report has made the startling statement that flying saucers are real!

The report reads in part as follows:

". . . On December 2, 1954, came the last and most important development in this matter. A conference was performed at the Army Technical School, patronised by A.D.E.S.G. (Superior Army School Graduates Association), a very responsible entity. The selected audience included important military personnel and civilian authorities. The subject to be discussed was entitled 'Flying saucers.' Colonel Adil de Oliveira was in charge. He made a careful evaluation of all information and evidence collected throughout the world since 1947. He analysed Project Blue Book and studied seven outstanding cases from the project's files. He discussed the best Brazilian sightings and concluded making the following statements:

"'1. Evidence shows that the saucers are real. No government could afford to ignore the reports about u.f.o.s, and all investigations should be made to determine the identity of any u.f.o. sighted over the country. The problem could be of military interest.

"'2. The saucers appear to be some kind of revolutionary aircraft. They are not conventional phenomena or illusions. There are too many responsible people involved to say that the whole thing was a hallucination.

"'3. We don't know where they come from, and we don't know the purpose of their survey. I hope some day we can solve the riddle and know the answers.'

"Finally, closing the conference, Brigadier Guedes Muniz said a few words: 'We military technicians and aeronautic engineers have not tried in the past to discuss the technological and scientific probability of these space vagabonds. And we are not trying to discuss it now, because we remember an old story, very good to be recalled here: "Years ago, the best aeronautic engineers in the world assembled together to study the horn-beetle flight. They analysed the horn-beetle, its aerodynamic shape entirely wrong, its flight surface tremendously deficient, its heaviness and its incredible power. After a

great deal of reasoning and scientific experimentation they had made certain that the horn-beetle could not fly. But the horn-beetle, knowing nothing of this, is still flying!"' . . ."

(The above important report is from the *American Flying Saucer Review*, of Seattle, Washington.)

CIGARS CALL ON VICAR

A VERY unusual and well authenticated sighting occurred in India, when a formation of flying cigars surprised a clergyman and an open-air cinema audience at about 8.30 p.m. on April 27.

The Rev. R. M. Bennett, of Vuyyuru, Krishna, was arranging his projectors before showing some films. At least 50 to 60 people were sitting with him. He raised his eyes, and saw coming down from the north at a height of perhaps 3,500 feet a luminous form which seemed like three longish cigars travelling in formation. They were travelling due south, and came down to about 2,500 feet. Just short of where the cinema audience was sitting, the formation wheeled in a rather sharp arc, still losing height, and turned in an east-south-east direction.

On the actual turn, instead of three cigar shapes there appeared five, the two additional being as if to the sides. The general formation was triangular, although one would shoot ahead of the other momentarily, and then fall back again into formational flying.

The whole sighting lasted about 20 seconds and was absolutely silent. Then the formation simply disappeared.

Mr. Bennett added that there was a slightly luminous tail following each of the forms. In a sense the cigars reminded him of the luminous appearance of dolphins at play in the Red Sea, only instead of looking down, they had to look up.

Does this sighting together with a similar one from New Zealand, in which three coffin-shaped objects were involved (reported on another page), herald a new saucer trend?

FLYING SAUCER EXHIBITION

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW'S South African correspondent, Miss Ann Grevler, writes that the recently-formed Interplanetary Craft Research Society of Southern Africa are organising a flying saucer exhibition to be held in Johannesburg from October 4-10.

The exhibition organisers hope to arrange for a display of saucer models and photographs of both cigars and saucers. Any researchers who wish to loan exhibits should contact The Hon. Secretary, Box 9710, Johannesburg, South Africa.

NEW CANADIAN SAUCER CLUB

THE Vancouver Area Flying Saucer Club was formed at a meeting held in West Vancouver on June 18. The address is G.P.O. Box 650, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

The organiser is Herb D. Clark, a retired electrical contractor, and the secretary is FLYING SAUCER REVIEW'S Canadian Representative, Miss O. M. Beaton.

Miss Beaton has done an excellent job in Canada spreading the saucer story, and has been largely instrumental with Mr. Clark in founding the new club.

Lectures are being organised by prominent people in the saucer field. Daniel W. Fry, 49-year-old guided-missile technician, who claims to have flown from White Sands, New Mexico, to New York and back in a saucer at a speed of 8,000 miles an hour in 30 minutes, was the first to address a club audience of 250.

AND ONE IN BRAZIL

STILL they come. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW sounds a welcoming note to the Centro de Pesquisa dos Discos Voadores, a new flying saucer research group in Sao Paulo.

The Director-President is FLYING SAUCER REVIEW'S correspondent in Brazil, Senhor Jose Escobar Faria. (See World Roundup for his latest report.)

STICKER BARRAGE FIRED

FLYING saucer enthusiasts are reminded that gaily-coloured stamps bearing the slogan *Flying Saucers Are Fact—Not Fiction* are available to stick on to their mail.

This campaign has been started in collaboration with Mrs. Clara John, of " The Little Listen-

ing Post," 4811 Illinois Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Already the first print order for these stamps has been completely sold out. There has been a heavy demand from the U.S.A. and Canada. To meet their requirements, mail stickers will in future be sold in packets of 200 at $1.00 or 7s. 3d. 1,000 costs $5.00 or £1 16s.

It is hoped to initiate a world-wide continuous sticker barrage to help counteract absurd official statements denying the saucers' out of space origin.

Have you got your stamps yet? Orders should be sent to either FLYING SAUCER REVIEW or to "The Little Listening Post."

NO ONE BELIEVED HER

A FLYING CIGAR was seen off Lowestoft at the turn of the century, according to a report just received from Mrs. Floris Lomax, of Reigate.

Mrs. Lomax writes that at the time of this sighting she was not quite 10 years old. Early on the morning of September 2, 1902, she was on the beach looking out to sea, when a huge cigar-shaped object with fins flew over the horizon from south to north. Its colour was grey and there was no sound.

There were between 20-30 other people on the beach who saw the cigar. All were mystified and a little alarmed.

Mrs. Lomax added that she took a great deal of notice of the craft at the time, and never forgot the sight. It made a great impression on her mind.

No one believed her account until 1947, when saucers came more prominently into the news.

RADAR FOR RADIO TELESCOPE

THE huge saucer-like radio telescope, 250 feet across, that is being built by Manchester University at Jodrell Bank, in Cheshire, is to be equipped as a radar transmitter.

It will consequently be able to track man-made satellites as they circle the earth next year.

Originally it was planned to be only a receiving instrument, plotting the positions of invisible stars that emit their own radio waves.

Now experiments are being made with a radio transmitter that will enable it to function like a giant radar set. It would then be so powerful that it could register an object the size of an aircraft as far away as the moon.

The telescope is by far the largest of its kind in the world. It contains 1,200 tons of structural metal.

The original cost was estimated at between £320,000 and £400,000. It will now cost much more.

INTERPLANETARY FRIENDSHIP BADGE

AN attractive lapel badge that can be worn unobtrusively has been designed by the Association Mondialiste Interplanetaire, of 28 Avenue Denantou, Lausanne, Switzerland, for all who believe in extra-terrestrial intelligences and who seek interplanetary friendship on all planes.

Heart shaped, the badge has a blue and green background against which are a classical space-ship, three galaxies, a sun, an orbit around it and this inscription in Latin: *A path through the centre of the sky*. It advertises no particular group.

A.M.I.'s president, Professor Alfred Nahon, has asked group and organisation heads and individuals interested in promoting interplanetary friendship to let him know the number of badges they would intend ordering as this would assist him to ensure the maximum economy when placing the order—and the larger that order, the cheaper the badge.

Delivery of the first badges are expected next January, which, the Professor believes, heralds the beginning of a new era for humanity.

Interplanetary Fraternity Badges will be available through FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

SAUCERS ON TV

THE magazine programme "Panorama" provided a stimulating discussion to mark FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's first International Sighting Day on June 30. The duel was between Desmond Leslie, of *Flying Saucers Have Landed* fame, and Patrick Moore, the well-known astronomer.

BUILD YOUR OWN UFOSCOPE FOR SAUCER DETECTION

by Ernesto Thayaht

Director of CIRNOS

WHENEVER flying saucers have been sighted relatively near the ground, reference has been made to disturbances of uncertain origin which seemed to be of an electrical or magnetic nature. Compasses are said to have wavered or changed orientation, electric lights have flickered, faded or gone out, cars have stalled and many other things that could be associated with u.f.o.s have happened.

To help saucer investigators interested in probing these symptoms with their researches and to pave the way for communication with the saucers, if that is possible, C.I.R.N.O.S. (Centro Independente Raccolta Notizie Osservazioni Spaziali) have designed a detector which might be called a Ufoscope: that is to say a device, or a complex of devices, in *constant unstable equilibrium,* ready to react to various visible and invisible tensions such as infra-red and ultra-violet rays, magnetic fields, electrical and photochemical stresses, ultrasonics and as many other types of wave and forces as possible.

Any reaction on the Ufoscope would be transformed into audible or visible signals so that people in its vicinity could be alerted to watch for a u.f.o. and take pictures of it.

The design for the Ufoscope drawn up by CIRNOS is experimental and we are not yet sure whether it would work successfully. But we hope to get enough experience out of our own in the near future to be able to improve it and so build a better one. In addition, we hope to receive a good deal of information from other groups throughout the world which will help us to construct a more complex but infinitely better detector. Anyway, the Mark One, which is outlined here, was designed to embody components easily obtainable on home markets all over Europe and the United States, quite apart from other countries throughout the world. From the experiments we have carried out it would seem to be remarkably sensitive. But at the time of writing we had not had enough experience to say whether it was working satisfactorily or not.

To build the Ufoscope you need the following items:

A wooden base, very dry, 18 inches long by 6 inches wide and 1 inch deep.

Two steel gimp needles about 7 inches long. (Gimp needles are the kind used by mattress makers.)

One pivot (a needle point fixed in brass or aluminium tube, 3 inches long).

One strip of sheet aluminium 1/64th of an inch thick, 1 inch wide, 10½ inches long.

Three very small brass fastening bolts with two phlanges each, diameter: 2/16ths of an inch.

Two pointers cut out of the same sheet of aluminium (7 inches and 5 inches long, about ½ an inch at the widest point), holes 2/16ths of an inch.

Three contact screws and about 12 inches of copper wire, diameter: 1/32nd of an inch.

One sheet of transparent flexible material for the covering (plastic or celluloid), 18 inches by 13 inches, and two U-shaped pieces to form ends of transparent cover.

One small 40° *Dial* in white cardboard.

Two adjustable contacts cut out of sheet brass or aluminium (see drawing).

One mariner's pocket compass (for controlling and placing in position).

The strip of aluminium must be cut with precision and the holes made in exactly the right places to ensure parallel mounting of the two large gimp needles. The strip is then bent as shown in the drawing. The central pivot-bolt must have a conical hole in the end of the screw

to accommodate the point on which the whole system is balanced, so that it can rotate freely and move in see-saw fashion through a sufficiently large arc to ensure that the pointers make contact.

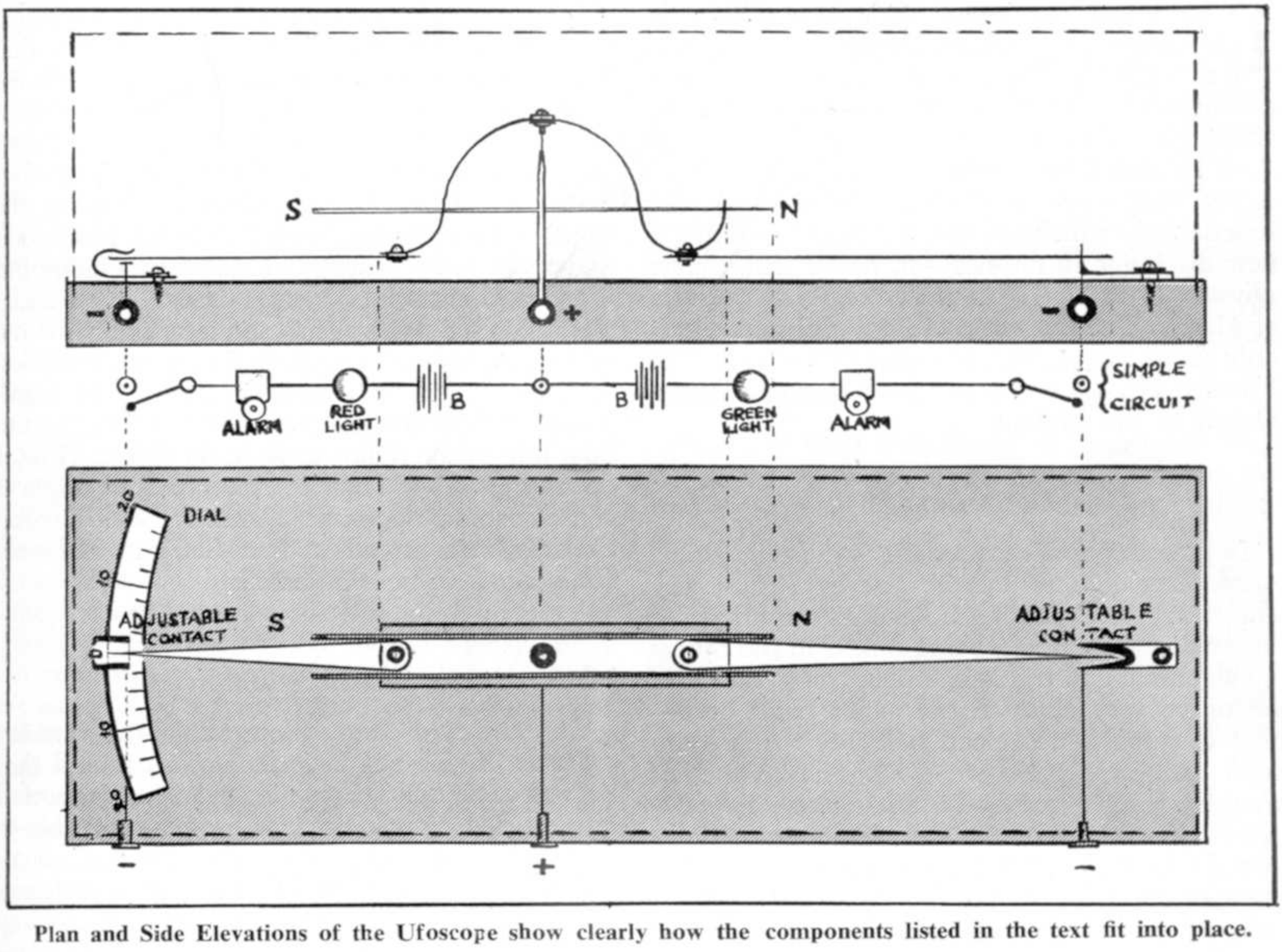
To work the Ufoscope, place on a perfectly level base and with the aid of a pocket compass align it so that it is orientated north/south and that the south pointing needle is in the centre of the dial.

Iron, steel and nickel should be kept well away from the instrument—at least two or three yards—and larger masses even further.

To magnetise the two gimp needles rub three inches of the sharp end with the negative pole of a permanent magnet and the three inches around the eye with the positive pole. The operation should be made by stroking the needles 25 times from the centre to the extremities with each magnet at the same time turning the needle. If sensitivity is poor it will be necessary to repeat the process. Good steel needles should remain permanently magnetised unless electrically neutralised.

To obtain a perfect balance it is necessary to shift the needles in aluminium strip. Finally, it is not necessary to provide the instrument with a plastic cover unless it is likely to be used outdoors where there is a risk of wind. And now a warning: in dry weather static electricity can produce oscillations in the needle, so don't be disappointed if there are no u.f.o.s around when it looks as though there might be.

Anyone wishing further details should write to me at: C.I.R.N.O.S, Viale Roma 93, Fiumetto, Marina di Pietrasanta, Italy, enclosing an envelope together with an International Postage Voucher.



Plan and Side Elevations of the Ufoscope show clearly how the components listed in the text fit into place.

THE ESSENCE OF THE PRIMARY PHYSICS

By Cyril W. Davson

. . . author of the remarkable book, 'The Physics of the Primary State of Matter'

IT has always seemed to me somewhat deplorable when scientists are attempting to discuss the origin of things that they become most unscientific, whereas in the techniques their accuracy and clarity are beyond praise. Why is this? I suggest, because science has not yet even sensed that there may be an entirely different functioning, which, to say the least, requires a new discipline in physics—or, better still, a new physics, in fact, a Physics of the Primary State of Matter. The present established physics holds only from the atomic into the techniques. The Primary Physics embraces the functioning from Origin to the Atomic.

Definitions

In present physics everything is defined: force, mass, acceleration, inertia, energy (translatory and rotary), etc., etc., each having its appropriate formula, each formula being linked to the others by algebraic and trigonometrical conversion. But let us be very clear on the major point here—that the above-mentioned definitions *treat only with what force, mass, etc., do, but not with what they are*! This cannot be too strongly emphasised. Furthermore, in the techniques (light, sound, heat, electricity, magnetism—whether pure, or applied as in engineering) this is entirely adequate, but when researching into origin functioning it is insufficient, incomplete.

Is there an ether? What a dismal and unedifying discussion ensues, in which none of the participants first clearly specify what they are going to understand under the word "ether"—that condition which pervades all space, or, for some of these undoubtedly brilliant men, does not exist at all. Or, worse still, the statement made lately that scientists believe that everything has originated from energy, without making the slightest effort to define what is to be understood under the word "energy." Finally, by quietly but firmly pushing aside "consciousness," the Fundamental in all nature, as an interloper in the scheme of things, merely because mathematics, or, at least, present mathematics, cannot manipulate it, they demonstrate their unwillingness to take into account the truly basic factor. How, I do ask, can they hope to examine into origin if consciousness, and here I mean the Universal Consciousness in all nature, the one and only *Creative*, is to be eliminated?

The Missing Component

Einstein, with tremendous skill, was working towards origin, but nevertheless I contend that he was rather like a one-legged man supported on crutches, simply because he was only able to deal with one component, the physical component, because that, and that only, was metrical. The other leg, the other component, was missing, or at least unrecognised—the conscious component. The origin force (not the original force—there is no such thing) is conscious-physical. But this great scientist had also vast intelligence,

and towards the end of his life he did say: "I believe there is a *universal spirit.*" Exactly so, the *Creative.*

Let us here, however, not be in a hurry; let us probe carefully into the cause of this confusion, lest we fall into the same disorder.

There are at present four kinds of directive agents used in scientific research.

Metaphysics deals with the fundamental nature of things, but its findings can rarely, if ever, be applied to physics and mathematics.

Physics may be said to accept or reject things according to observation confirmed or adjusted by actual experimentation.

Mathematics pays little heed to physical manifestation, its aim is consistency with relation to hypothesis.

Relativity regards space and time as physical concepts.

It will thus be seen that present science has, for examination into origin, four directive operators whose findings are, however, left, so to speak, as four loose ends. So when we ask of science a question regarding origin, we are told: the physicist says this, the mathematician says that, and the metaphysician mumbles something incoherent, whereas the relativist has obviously no truck with the Absolute. Listen carefully to the arguments of any of the four, or indeed all of the four, and you will "come out of the same door wherein you went."

The Infinite Scale

In judging persons, animals or things we use the relevant scale, which is always relative. Why? Because relationships are only comparable in the finite form. For the measurement of Infinity or infinite functioning, so far as the human mind can conceive it, we must use the Infinite Scale. We can express infinity quite simply in numerals. Point nine recurring is the same as One, since it implies that point nine is taken to an infinite number of decimal places. A surd is not absurd because its use is only an approximation. The infinite is the absolute measure of extent, the eternal the absolute measure of time. Absolute speed is Omnipresence; absolute power, Omnipotence; absolute knowledge, Omniscience. All relative things exist. The Infinite, the Absolute, the Eternal does not—it is Existence. Separation thus only exists in the finite, e.g. space, time, speed, power, love, and all forms of functioning are different, whereas in the Infinite they are one unity, because in the Infinite all things are. This, briefly stated, is the significance of the Infinite Scale.

Now I have used many words but have not defined them. Let me do so now.

Universal-Thought

Consciousness is Directive Impulse—energy is its vehicle. In fact, it is true to say that the only manifest of Consciousness is in energy. So we may say that:

Energy is the operative of Consciousness in metrical, physical form, or, if you prefer it:

Energy is basically the dynamic essence out of the Universal—or God—thought. Thus:

God is the Universal Consciousness—the only Creative, of which all things are derivative, irrespective of condition or form, and whereby all things live, move and have their being—this, of course, refers to form. Whereas, by condition I mean the static state where life is remanent and latent, e.g. substances and the like.

The Universal Consciousness is the great Giver of Life, and this is basic or universal Love, and Love-Universal is therefore the act of giving and maintaining life.

Now the most basic form of energy is that which manifests itself in Universal-Thought. So we may say that Thought-Universal is the vehicle of Consciousness, and *Life is then Thought-form,* which may, of course, manifest in any condition from a cosmic body—a sun or other variant —to an organic body in any of its multifarious stages of development, in fact, from the unicellular to the human being on this planet, and possibly, and probably, limitless unknown forms on the planets of other solar systems.

It will now probably be asked whether this is science or metaphysics. That will naturally depend on what we are going to mean under the appellation—science. My definition of science, for what it is worth, is the knowledge of God (the Universal Consciousness) through Its laws,

and I am indifferent to any less basic definitions.

But we have not finished our definitions, so let us continue them.

What is Space? Which space? Infinite Space, unstimulated; or finite space, stimulated, e.g. a universe?

Space Infinite or finite is Extent. But finite space is tensioned by the Thought-force of the Creative to a generative centre, and therefore has texture. If, for example, a universe had no texture, there could be no manifestation of cosmic bodies. Such bodies must be derived from what is there, that is, from the texture of extent, from the material of finite extent, or, in more familiar language, from the ether which pervades all *finite* space.

Now the controversy begins. I shall be told that some scientists (remember, only some of them) contend that there is no such thing as ether. Emerson said: " Today say in hard words what today thinks; and tomorrow, in hard words, say what tomorrow thinks." And scientists certainly make use of this excellent maxim, freely.

Ether

I define Ether as the texture of finite stimulated space (such as in a universe), and it is obvious that if there is no Ether, there can be no cosmic bodies. What, then, is it that so limits a scientist's horizon; what veils his insight and screens his understanding? Just two things. He has not perceived that the only Creative is Consciousness (Universal or God-consciousness), the fundamental force from which all others are derivatives and the vehicle of which is thought-force, producing thought-forms, organic or otherwise; and, secondly, that energy (as has already been explained) is the operative of Consciousness, and that all functioning in physics or chemistry is first in the *energy-form,* before it manifests in the forms familiar to present science, e.g. ultra-radiation, light, sound, heat, electricity and magnetism. This is not just a statement, at the best to be accepted, or dismissed; it is a whole study. It is, incidentally, the reason why science cannot, as yet, decide whether there is an ether or not. I repeat, you cannot make a cake without the necessary ingredients, and the formation of cosmic bodies bespeaks that the ether must have the necessary ingredients for their formation, which I term the texture of space. But even the most delicate experiments (e.g. the Michelson-Morley) and the like have apparently failed to detect it. Why? Because the ether is not in the *energy-form,* but in the latent state. It is a static condition in which there is no functioning except when polarisation takes place, and even then it is a very special form of polarisation, resulting in the birth of a cosmic body. Scientific instruments for various forms of measurement are immensely ingenious and accurate, but only for the measurement of phenomena in the secondary states of matter; they are utterly useless and inapplicable in the primary state, because the functioning there (as has already been stated) is entirely different.

Materialised Energy

I note that I have used the word " matter." There are, I believe, sects which affirm, and with conviction, that there is no such thing as matter, and assert, as all sects do, dogmatically, that there is only *thought*, but without understanding that thought (God-thought) is creative and thus produces various forms of derivatives—one particular form of these we term " matter," which is just as real as that from which it is derived. Matter, briefly stated, is materialised energy.

Science tells us that every form of material—organic or inorganic—has a different atomic structure and we have a name or names for the innumerable forms in which these atomic structures manifest themselves, which means that the thought-forms must surely be just as real as the thought which built them.

Nevertheless, one word of caution is necessary, very necessary, here. Definitions define, or perhaps, better expressed, specify what we are going to mean when we employ a word. This does not, however, mean that when we read through the definitions we are then familiar with the subject. A subject, or at least a scientific subject, e.g. physics, statics, dynamics, etc., etc., is the building up and enumerating of laws from first principles, and likewise the use of such laws for all and every purpose to which they are applicable—the meaning to be applied to the various factors used, e.g. force, mass, inertia, potential and kinetic energy, etc., etc., being specified in the definitions.

Definitions in *The Physics of The Primary State of Matter*, of which there are about forty-eight, were not so easily evolved, because in present physics and like subjects the definitions

express what something, say energy, does, whereas in the Primary Physics it must express—so far as this is possible in restrictive human language—what it is. Present physics is quantitative; the Primary Physics is qualitative. Present physics deals with the finite, the relative; the Primary Physics with the Infinite, the Eternal, and thus the Creative.

Atomic particles are not basic, they are evolved, and the atom is, itself, a built-up structure. The theory that all cosmic bodies come from nebulæ or gas masses is presumably based on the principle that matter (in a molecular or atomic condition) is disposed throughout space, which, due to gravitational concentrations, finally condenses to so-called nebulæ. But the gaseous, liquid and solid states are secondary, built-up products, like that complex structure, the atom, itself, as are also the particles of which the atom—according to present theory—is composed, e.g. protons, neutrons, electrons and what-nots. The Primary Physics, on the other hand, contends that atomic particles, as such, or in combination as in the atom, and even more so atoms in combination as molecules and molecular structures, were not present when the universe was formed as a unit in Infinite Space, and that all such were after-products of cosmic functioning as yet unknown to science.

Energy-Form

The operative origin from which all things come in a universe is that to which we give the name of energy.

Very briefly stated (for detailed examination a careful study of the Treatise is necessary), a universe is a thought-form in Infinite Space, a tensioning towards a generative centre. The space within this tensioning is stimulated, whereas Infinite Space itself is unstimulated. In Infinite Space there is no functioning; in tensioned stimulated space functioning takes place. Tensioning towards a centre must produce curvature, but curvature cannot produce matter, neither can it modify its distribution *if matter is in the latent form.* Primary matter is not an inertial mass; far from it—it is the operative of consciousness. It is energy, but in the energy-form; not an element, but *the Elemental.* The texture of space (the ether) is thus homogeneous oxygen and hydrogen energy in the *energy-form,* not the gaseous state. It may be said, then, that the Elemental is a duality—no, hydrogen (energy-form) is the elemental condition (it is not yet substance) and oxygen (energy-form) is merely its complementary, protective covering. On polarisation of the ether, the hydrogen component conglobates out and the oxygen forms the protective covering, and a sun or other variant is born. Lightning is formed in the clouds in the same way, but in air and without protection, and for this reason it instantly discharges.

Time Relative

One further definition, and that must suffice for an article: what is time? Einstein says that for measurement in the cosmos we require three geometrical vectors and then a fourth dimension—time. Time for him is measurable as some unit of the periodicity of the earth's orbit. It is therefore, at the most, referable purely to this solar system. Each solar system, of which astronomers tell us there are millions within the range of modern astronomical telescopes, must have its own relative time, which will bear no relationship to the movements of planets of another solar system. But suppose we expand our horizon of time indefinitely, in order to measure, not merely planetary orbital motions of solar systems, but *cosmic duration* irrespective of such minor happenings. What, then, is time, and how do we measure it? What is the unit then? Will the unit be a period or an angular movement, e.g. a second of time or some minute angular division such as a second of arc per century? Neither. Yet there must be some way of expressing that Time which is over and above all movement in solar systems. Yes, Absolute Time is irrespective of all cosmic functionings, solar systems or otherwise; it is not periodic, it is the continuous unfolding of the Divine Thought. Since Divine Thought is the only *Creative,* it must in its continuous unfolding occasion *Happening,* resulting in Event. In the Absolute there is no past, present and future, there is, and can be, no division, no unit of measurement, merely eternal unfolding of Creative-Thought, and if we must, even here, express this Absolute Time in human phraseology, we can term it, not the past, present or future, but what it is—since it is the Eternal—the Ever-present!

It is obviously impossible in an article to expound what has been dealt with at length, and in great detail, in a treatise on the subject.

STRANGE LUNAR LIGHTS

by W. K. Oliver

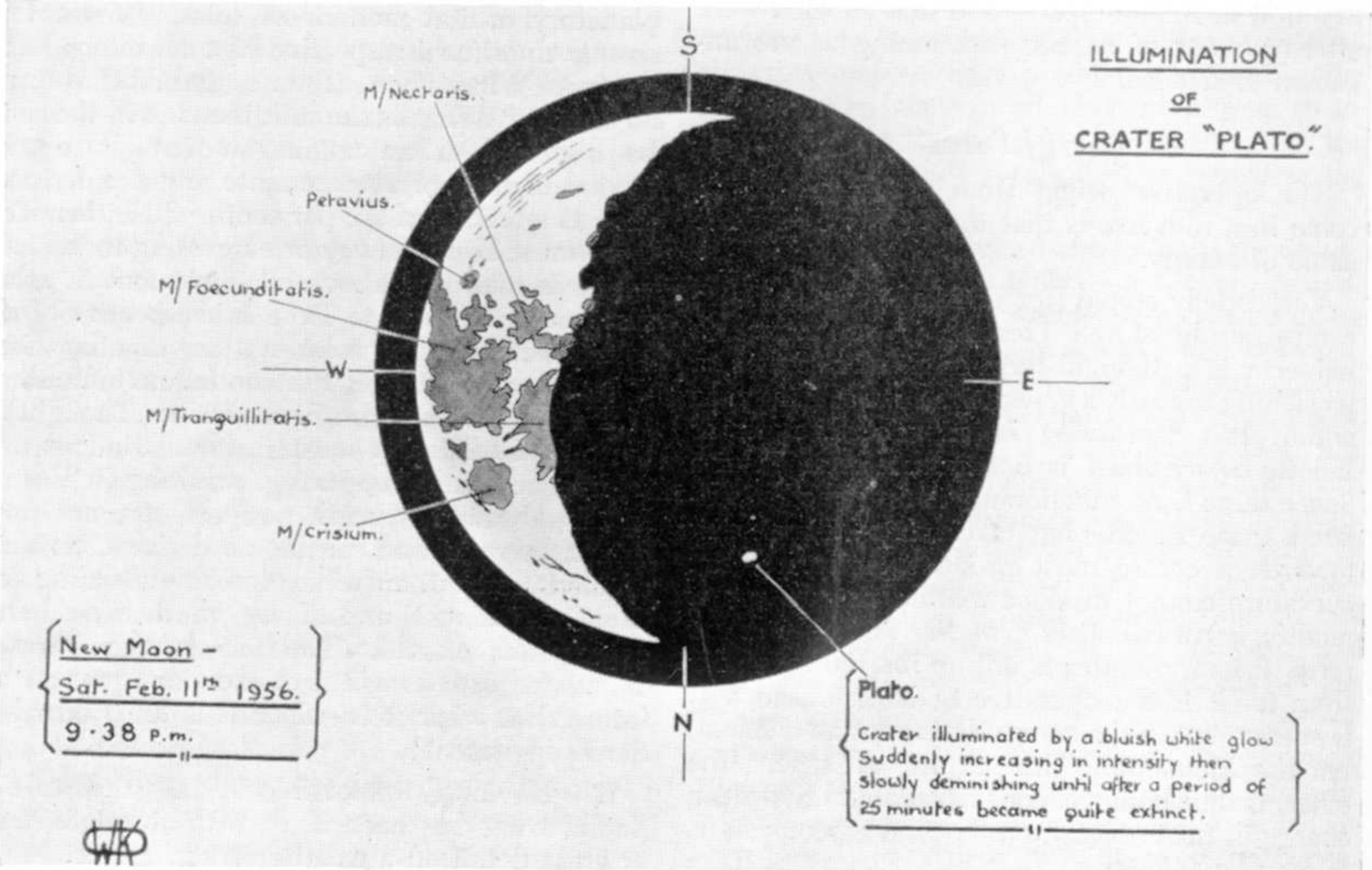
WHILE observing the moon in the region of Mare Imbrium on November 24, 1955, at 2200 G.M.T. I noticed a brilliant reddish-amber light on the darkened portion.

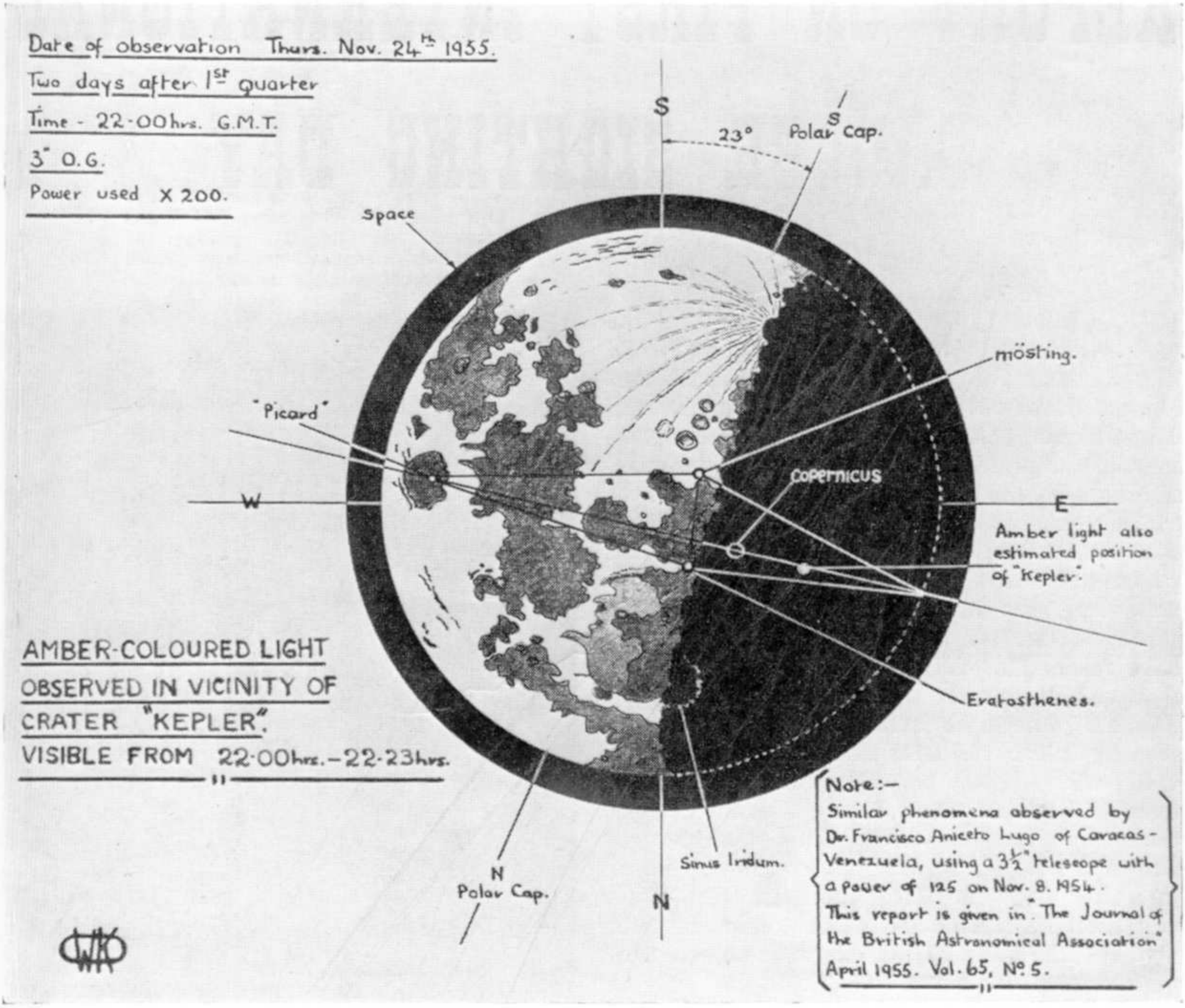
I have a 3-in. telescope and at the time was using a 0.2-in. Huygenian eyepiece. Thinking that the light might be a reflection, I moved the telescope both vertically and horizontally but found that the relative position of the light remained the same.

Continued observation showed the light to be stationary and steady. In order to ascertain the position I drew an imaginary line from Picard in Mare Crisium, through the centre of Copernicus, to the light and estimated it as being in or near the crater Kepler.

The seeing conditions at the time were ideal—cold and clear and, as the moon was well up in the sky, there was no interference from heat haze.

I kept the light under continuous observation





to see if its position would alter or its colour change, but both remained constant until at 2223 G.M.T. it disappeared suddenly.

Following this event I have observed the moon whenever weather conditions permit, but have not seen anything like it since. On February 13, 1956, however, at 2100 G.M.T., two days after the new moon, I was observing the northern section when I noticed a bluish-white haze in the region of, and the same size as, Plato—Plato, of course, was not visible. I kept the haze under continuous observation for 25 minutes and during that period it remained steady for about the first five minutes; it then gradually increased in brilliance for about two or three minutes, then started to fade until, at 2125 G.M.T., it finally disappeared.

I have no idea what could have caused the amber light on November 24, 1955, but the bluish haze seen on February 13, 1956, would appear to be similar to that reported by another observer and may have been caused by gases or moisture which are probably present in the crevices of lunar craters and which, due to the very large temperature variations on the moon, are from time to time forced upwards and become visible by reflection of the sun's rays.

REPORT ON FIRST INTERNATIONAL SAUCER SIGHTING DAY

CONTRARY to public expectation, the world's first International Flying Saucer Sighting Day did not yield thousands of reports; but it did bring to light a new phase in flying saucer behaviour that may prove significant. It also provided a crop of "run-of-the-mill" sightings—lights travelling at high speeds across the sky—one or two more defined sightings and confirmation that u.f.o.s are cruising around this planet practically all the time.

Reports are still coming in from all over the world, so that the more startling ones may not have reached us yet; nevertheless, the incident that we believe to be significant came from New Zealand, where three rocket-like objects were seen by several residents of Kelburn.

Reporting the sighting, Mr. J. E. Fletcher, who lives at 7, Collingwood Street, Nelson, said the three objects which were about three times the size of a Dakota airliner appeared over Kelburn just after 4.30 p.m. (local time) on June 30 for about a minute. Thick at the centre and tapering at the ends like cigars, they were quite symmetrical. No wings were visible as they flew towards Cook Strait in perfect formation, although they left a slight trail behind them and glinted in the sun. Their altitude was estimated at about 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

Another witness, Mrs. M. Coyn, whose home is at 1, Fairview Crescent, Nelson, said they were "coffin-shaped."

The significant thing about the three objects was not that they were seen, but that they were seen in formation together. Only once before have more than one of this particular type of u.f.o. been seen together, according to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's records, and that was only in May, when three cigar-shaped objects manœuvred in formation over a curate's film show near Madras, India. A full report of this incident appears in News Report, page 4.

With a back-drop of World maps, Derek Dempster (left) records a June 30 sighting. (Right) Dr. Bernard Finch, who first thought of the International Saucer Sighting Day tries to identify signals on R. R. Russell's specially constructed detector. (Below: l. to r.) Mr. Brett, who came over specially from Eire, Ronald Russell, Dr. Bernard Finch and Desmond Leslie at Hampstead Observatory, London, on June 30.

Until these two incidents, all formation manœuvres by flying saucers were confined to the circular and more common type which have been classified as scout ships. The cigar-shaped u.f.o.s which are popularly believed to be large " carriers " or " mother-ships " have always been supposed to be big enough to carry an extensive expedition. According to Professor Hermann Oberth, the famed German rocket scientist, a space-ship would have to be 30 miles long and six wide to be able to make the journey from the nearest solar system, Proxima Centauræ. Photographs of cigar-shaped u.f.o.'s fit these proportions exactly, which means that to be able to see them looking three times the size of a Dakota airliner they would have to be many hundreds of miles above the earth's surface. The 2,000 to 3,000 feet the New Zealand u.f.o.s are said to have been set a poser that will have to be more closely investigated.

What proof is there that the circular ships are scouts and that the cigar-shaped u.f.o.s are mother ships? None whatsoever. They are conclusions reached after piecing together the evidence of hundreds of people who have seen flying saucers, and noted their behaviour.

What can be read into the discovery that cigar-shaped u.f.o.s are now flying in formation depends entirely on the saucer school you belong to. There are those who will take it to mean that beings from another planet have completed their surveys of earth and that they are preparing to invade; the presence of large space-ships in the vicinity of New Zealand meaning that they are unloading supplies in Antarctica prior to landing personnel. In the last issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW the question of Antarctica came up. Is it possible that the Frozen Continent is in fact a storehouse for extra terrestrial invaders?

Another school of thought will herald the formation as one of the first of a giant fleet preparing to rescue the worthy from the evils of this world and the terror of nuclear warfare, while another believes them to be earth-made machines that have passed their prototype tests satisfactorily and now in mass production and military service.

At any rate, what the meaning of this development is cannot be definitely interpreted at the moment, for incidents of this kind are far too few on the records. However, the results of the next International Flying Saucer Sighting Day on September 8 may point to a more clear-cut conclusion.

Although International Flying Saucer Sighting Days are intended to be kept on single dates, some zealous observers made a point of keeping watch for a few days before and after June 30. The few days before June 30 proved to be as active, if not more so, than the sighting day itself, and reports from Germany, France, New Zealand and the United States were sent in to London.

In America Mrs. June Traugott, who lives at 7518, Mango Street, Fontana, California, saw a cigar-shaped object over her home on June 29 and then on June 30—I.F.S.S.D.—sighted a large silver object flying at a fantastic speed over the Kaiser Steel Mill, Fontana. There were three witnesses.

Skywatchers taking part in International Flying Saucer Sighting day reported a thrilling sight after midnight in the sky over Yonkers, N.Y. The object was orange-red in colour. Through a 30-power telescope, it appeared round, then oval. It

Ronald Russell explains the workings of his detector to Desmond Leslie.

was moving at what seemed to be considerable speed.

Leo Wiegers, a resident of Yonkers, stated that phenomena started appearing even earlier. He described a sighting that occurred on June 29 as follows:

"It was 9.45 p.m., a clear evening, no wind. My wife pointed to a round, reddish-orange light to the left of the big dipper. It seemed to glow and was not too sharply defined in outline to the naked eye and emitted no sound. A moment before I had been observing Saturn with my 30 × 60 mm. Bausch and Lomb Balscope and turned when my wife said, 'Look at that peculiar light.' Quickly swinging the scope around, I first looked with naked eye and saw it standing still and silent. Then, sighting it in the scope, it appeared orange, of a flashing brilliance. Suddenly, it began to move north and I soon found it extremely hard to keep in vision due to its accelerating speed. I tracked it for about 13 seconds before it faded from view in the direction of West Point.

"On June 30, I was alone on the back porch about 10.30 p.m., and saw another object coming from the south. It was going directly overhead. My scope was not properly focused for this object but I recall it was of a silvery-whitish colour and oval in shape. This, too, went by very rapidly and silently."

In Germany William Koënig, of Kleine Langgass 4, Mainz, sighted a cigar-shaped object at 6.10 p.m. (Central European Time) on July 5. The ship was in sight for about 15 seconds. It was dark and appeared to change shape as it changed direction. Said Herr Koënig: "The unusual speed of the object alarmed me. So did its length."

Back in New Zealand a number of Nelson residents saw a large multi-coloured object almost the size of the moon at 9.30 p.m. (local time) move slowly across the sky until it disappeared behind some hills. They described it as being circular, blue at the top, merging into red. The sky was clear at the time and there was no moon.

The weather in London on June 30 was not ideal for sighting saucers. It was cloudy and dull. Nevertheless, two Londoners reported u.f.o.s. The first was Mr. C. Alec Heathcote, of 26, Bracken Gardens, Barnes, London, S.W.13, who saw for about 15 seconds a "sharp-edged disc or sphere." It was a dull metallic silver with a slight sheen just perceptible. It made no noise and left no trail.

The direction of observation was on a bearing of 0.45 degrees (NE.) from Mr. Heathcote—an ex-R.A.F. Technical Officer—and the elevation 50 degrees. He first saw it against a blue patch of sky, near the edge of a cumulus cloud, approaching from the south. The object was obscured by the cloud and did not reappear.

Said Mr. Heathcote in his report: "It was definitely not a met. balloon and not a reflection from an aircraft. The apparent size of the object was about 1 millimeter diameter through four-power binoculars."

The second person near London to spot a saucer on I.F.S.S.D. was Mr. Anthony R. Piper, of 33, Horsham Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. He spotted his at an estimated 20,000 feet as it was travelling in a southerly direction, and held it in view for about eight and a half minutes.

Describing it in his report, he said: "It had a sharp outline and was probably silver or gold in colour as it shone in the sun's light. As it moved across the sky it seemed to change from a disc to a cresent. A faint corona was present and according to a witness to the sighting it was eliptical before turning into a crescent."

But the most interesting aspect of this particular object is that it interfered with television reception.

Many other reports were received by FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Only those of specific interest have been recorded here. The greater bulk, consisting of lights travelling across the sky at tremendous speeds, were not sufficiently startling to warrant detailed description here; nor was it possible to co-relate any of them.

Nevertheless, although the first International Flying Saucer Sighting Day had only a few thousand participants, scattered all over the world, the information it provided has led to the first step in determining a pattern of behaviour that has hitherto been lacking in flying saucer research. In addition, the interest it aroused is expected to lead to a far greater number of people taking part on September 8, which should provide at least some of the supplementary information required.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

No. 1 . . . . . The Scoutmaster Case

REMEMBER the famous scoutmaster case in Florida? On August 19, 1952, a scoutmaster called De Verges and three boy scouts saw a u.f.o. The scoutmaster was burned when he got too close to it.

U.S.A.F. Project Blue Book investigated this incident, and found that some of the evidence was unreliable. They wrote the whole affair off as a complete hoax.

However, two points which have not yet been satisfactorily explained were the holes burned in the scoutmaster's cap (in addition to his bodily burns), and the charred grass roots from under the spot where the u.f.o. had hovered.

Mr. G. W. Van Tassel, in the July issue of *Proceedings,* writes:

"De Verges' contact is officially declared a hoax despite the burned grass roots, the pin-point burns in his cap, and the unconsciousness that overcame him because of the lack of air to breathe. He was inside of the force field generated by the ship, where there is no air, when the ship built up power to ascend. The electro-static force field burned the pin-point holes in his cap. The grass roots were burned without burning the grass blades. . . ."

THE GRASS ROOTS WERE BURNED WITHOUT BURNING THE GRASS BLADES! WHY?

(Readers are referred for further case details to *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects,* by Edward J. Ruppelt, pages 233-245. Published in U.S.A. by Doubleday & Co., Inc., $4.50; U.K. by Gollancz, 18s.)

First Ship at the Edge of the Galaxy

by Kenneth Ford

CLOSE out the image at the edge of the eye,
Not lost, but dreaming, in a place too wide.
We have lived in Unispace, before this fallacy,
And from here to there is the Great Divide:
"We shall move backward into the known galaxy."
We have seen the shape, the formless breathing thing
Out there beyond the stars, so thin and cold,
And we so proud and bold now filled with dark despair:
"Why, there our God would fear to go."

For one thing Man in his hope has come to know
Is love of a free falling dream in a place too wide,
Believing the end will never come nor our body
Drifting on the star-singing tide:
"We shall move backward into the known galaxy."
We have flung the ship to the lip-edge of a world
And then a Moon and then a Planet and then a Star;
We have moved upward but O so slow, so very slow,
And out there?
"Why there our God would fear to go."

THIS AMAZING UNIVERSE

by

Arthur Constance

Author of " The Glazier "

ONE of the strangest and most paradoxical of all facts regarding this whirling, lop-sided planet is that among the thousands of millions of humans who have lived and moved upon it, and who burn out their spark-like existences upon it at this moment, open mouths have always been (and are today) more common than open minds. One might have imagined that the one kind of " openness " was a correlative of the other. Yet we have this true paradox: the millions who gape at the universe (much as fledglings gape at their mothers, anxious to swallow anything) and who are quite content to have their opinions dropped into their mouths morning after morning (predigested for them by the world's journalists as they regurgitate the news) have minds so closed to the truth that we might more aptly compare them with ostriches. These (we are told) will eat any old junk, but also have the habit of burying their silly heads in the sand to avoid seeing things they do not want to see.

Open Mind

An open mind, in fact, is as rare as a dodo's egg. It is therefore no wonder that whenever one turns up on the sands of time it appears to the gapers to be addled, dried up and cracked. It is the one thing that no gaper could possibly swallow. Yet an open mind is as necessary to the assimilation and digestion of truth as an open beak to the nourishment and sustenance of a bird. Keep the beak tightly closed and the bird dies: keep the mind closed and it makes no practice flights, but withers and dies and sings no praises to God.

Truth comes to mankind in curious and devious ways. Like mercy, " it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven," and, again like mercy, " it blesseth him that gives and him that takes," and so is indeed " twice bless'd." Stored and canalised, in systems and creeds, it becomes muddied and liable to infection; stagnant and unchanged, it can become a breeding-place for parasites and poisons.

Truth Like Rain

Truth is from heaven, and it needs the fresh atmosphere of tolerance to keep it pure as it descends. Rain is no respecter of persons—neither is truth. Keep your mind open and the truth can be as refreshing as rain after drought—but only if you accept it gratefully, without arguing (as some fools do) that it must come from this particular cloud and cannot possibly come from some other one. There are countries in the world which get less rain than others—but the inhabitants of such parched and weary lands appreciate it more than those who get plenty. It may be that we, who are apparently deluged with printed truth, have ceased to think of truth as a gift from heaven, thirst-quenching and infinitely precious.

Realising, for many years now, that truth (like rain) may fall and collect anywhere, I have sought springs and pools of it in out-of-the-way places. I came upon one such area of it—a shining lake, rather than a pool—during the First World War, and it was like emerging from a jungle, after wading through swamps and feeling the oppressiveness of interlaced branches overhead, to find open country under quiet skies, and

there, ringed by guardian hills and reflecting the glory of the sky, this wide lake. That was my experience—but the shining lake was actually a book. It was then a rare and little-known book, and one which I might easily have dismissed as the work of a crank, written for dupes. But I had learned, even then as a young man with my main experience of life ahead of me, what I have been trying to express in this article: that an open mind is essential to the acquisition of truth, and that one must accept enlightenment in whatever form it comes, and quite irrespective of its source. Truth is the water of life, and to take it freely means that it is not necessary to be an expert on cloud-formations to quench one's thirst.

Difficult Reading

The book I have mentioned is entitled *Oahspe: The Kosmon Bible*. This alone would condemn it for many people. Many Christians would regard it as heretical and poisonous. On the other hand, materialists would—without opening it—dismiss it as imaginative rubbish. Taking either viewpoint, a prejudiced reading of the book would apparently confirm the impression gained from the title. It is not easy to read *Oahspe* with an open mind. It is very easy to see it as an imitation of other Bibles—particularly of the Christian Bible—for the work is a compendium of nearly forty books, with curious titles. Taken at random, here are some of them: Book of Sethantes, Son of Jehovih. Book of the First Lords. Book of Fragapatti, Son of Jehovih. Cpenta-Armij, Daughter of Jehovih. Book of the Arc of Bon. Book of Jehovih's Kingdom on Earth. The word "Jehovih" is spelt throughout the book with an "i," as I give it. We see, therefore, that the format of the book is an almost insurmountable obstacle facing anyone who attempts an impartial approach. To suggest that anyone should read it with an open mind might seem to be like asking someone to go into a market-place or fair-ground to listen to a quack herbalist, in the hope that something of value to medical science might be gained from assimilating a farrago of pretentious nonsense. But in any careful reading of *Oahspe* we find ourselves in the position of people listening to someone *who seemed, at first, to be an illiterate cheapjack*, but who soon convinces us that he has a profound knowledge of human anatomy and the ills that flesh is heir to. For *Oahspe* is packed, through its 800-odd pages, with an enormous amount of knowledge, mainly of world religions, and a surprisingly large store of philosophic wisdom. How did this strange book come to existence?

It is claimed by the present publishers of the book* that *Oahspe* was given to the world "from the interior planes" through the mediumship of an American, J. B. Newbrough (1828-1891), and that his spirit-controls manipulated his hands while he typed it. Newbrough—described as a man of exceptional moral character who possessed most remarkable powers in the way of inspiration and clairvoyance—exercised these faculties for many years until they culminated, in 1881, in his becoming the instrument through which *Oahspe* was given to the world. In a letter which he wrote to the Boston *Banner of Light* in January, 1883, Newbrough says that the first edition of *Oahspe* was published with no reference to its authorship (this was in 1882), but that now, a year later, he can give the facts. But he asks, pertinently: "If a book have merit, what matters it who wrote it? And if it have no merit, then certainly it does not matter whence it came."

A Resting Light

He goes on to say that *Oahspe* was written through his hands, by some intelligence other than his own—that his hands moved automatically, without his volition. He says that he had had the power for fifteen years, had investigated it in over 200 mediums, and yet had not been satisfied with the messages he had examined (received through others or through his own mediumship) so that he undertook six years' training to purify himself both physically and spiritually. Then, he says, "a new condition of control came upon my hands." For two years the spirit-controls plied him with questions that he could not answer—questions "relative to heaven and earth." Those two years, he says, were "an enigma" to him. Then suddenly, one morning, a line of light rested on his hands, and the typing of *Oahspe* began, and continued for fifty weeks until the MS. was finished. This original MS. was kept in the basement of a house in El Paso, Texas, for some years, but was ultimately destroyed by a flood. But in the meantime various editions had

* The Kosmon Press, London, Sydney and Melbourne.

appeared. The first English edition, printed privately in 1912 and now no longer in circulation, was the one I came across during the First World War. I met one of the heads of the " Faithist " movement (based on *Oahspe*) at Aldershot at that time. One of the principles of the movement was the establishment of colonies, or communities, into which unwanted orphan children were to be taken, to gradually build " Jehovih's Kingdom on Earth." I visited the first of these, near Plymouth, shortly after the war ended, but was not persuaded to join the little group of people who had sold their possessions to begin the communal life —my reasons not being relevant to this article. Suffice to say that although I have investigated many such movements, and have always been interested in unusual sects, strange beliefs, unorthodox interpretations of the universe—in fact in all sincere attempts to discover truth—I have long realised that while rain may fall anywhere, and may collect in pools and gush forth in springs in all kinds of places, yet there remain the great oceans of the world, which give their water incessantly to the skies, and receive them again from all parts of the earth. To me, as to millions of others, the Christian Bible is the great Pacific Ocean. As one poet puts it: " We search the world for truth, we cull the pure, the good, the beautiful from graven stone and written scroll, and all old flower-fields of the soul. At last, returning from our quest, toil-laden seekers of the best, we find that all the sages said is in the Book our mothers read." But—*unlike* numbers of Christians, who may not see the cosmos as I do —I find myself appreciating the vast oceans of religious thought more and more, as I come across rivers and lakes, and quiet pools in unexpected places.

Disregard

Oahspe—the three syllables signify earth, sky and spirit—is but one of many " believe it or not " books, so far as its claim to mark the beginning of " a new or Kosmon Era and Kosmon Church, without any worshipped Gods, Lords, Saviours, priests or preachers " is concerned. Similar claims are made by hundreds of " world brotherhood " sects, which indignantly deny that they are sects. I am not mentally disturbed—attracted or repelled—by such claims, nor by the " criticisms," " corrections " or " denunciations " of Biblical Christianity which characterise many such sects. I disregard such pretentious and provocative passages in *Oahspe* and similar "new revelations," even as I disregard narrow-minded and ill-informed criticisms of unorthodox " revelations " by the orthodox. With Whitman I see the word " reconciliation " as a " word over all, beautiful as the sky," and seek harmonies and correspondences in conflicting viewpoints, ignoring discordances. I make no comment on *Oahspe's* claim to be a contribution to universal history. I am much more interested in the statements it makes in one of its prefaces regarding Dr. Newbrough himself.

Baffling—Mysterious

One passage states that, " in addition to his aptitude for automatic writing he was able to produce extraordinary oil paintings, with unbelievable speed, in a totally dark room, painting with both hands at once." Also, it is said, " he had but to close his eyes to see the printed page of any book in any library in the world, and could read it instantly and accurately." Another sentence claims that " he had the ability to leave his body at will, and in spirit travel to distant places, and return with accurate reports of incidents and localities." " Another unique phase of his mediumship," says this particular preface, " was his ability, under control, to lift enormous weights, even a ton, without apparent effort." I neither believe nor disbelieve these claims. My own investigations in psychic phenomena, innumerable correspondences and "coincidences" in thousands of curious books in my library, factual accounts of inexplicable happenings filed among my two million news cuttings: these compel me to keep an open mind, for none of the statements made in that preface regarding Dr. Newbrough refer to *impossibilities*. As statements they are unproven. But mediums have, most certainly, possessed similar powers. The records of the Society for Psychical Research—and the archives of many other investigating organisations —contain countless cases of humans with faculties quite inexplicable by conventional science.

Remembering that *Oahspe* was written not later than 1881—and dismissing, for a moment, the way it was (supposedly) written, and all other

irrelevant matters, such as style of writing, the "fanatical" atmosphere of the book, etcetera—there are certain features of the book which are (to say the least) baffling and mysterious.

We have space-ships in the book—ships of fire, "star-ships," "arrow-boats," "sun-ships"—sky-craft capable of travelling at incredible speeds. Among the numerous descriptions of these inter-planetary flying "ships" we have accounts which immediately remind us of our modern u.f.o.s. We have descriptions of satellites, of "mother-ships," of vast sky-ships carrying large numbers of angelic beings. Materialisation and dematerialisation are accepted as factual principles. In this respect, *Oahspe* is probably a unique and quite inexplicable phenomenon. *How it was written, who wrote it, what it claims to be—these things are quite irrelevant and unimportant beside the towering fact that it was written earlier than* 1881. What was the position regarding aeronautical research in 1881? Take any encyclopaedia—or any reference book whatever—and let it be one dated ten years or twenty years *later* than that date. Space travel was not considered practical—it was still a vague and indefinite dream. There were no science-fiction writers, taking space travel for granted. The "unidentified flying objects" of those days were "accounted for" as meteorites and fireballs and mirages. Yet *Oahspe* might have been written yesterday—it has passages describing, not *men* flying through the air but *flying craft controlled by other-world intelligences*. Even H. G. Wells—writing much later than Newbrough—had no vision of u.f.o.s. His conceptions of other-world beings visiting this earth were fantastically wide of the mark. Contrast *his* prophetic pictures with the descriptions of space-ships contained in *Oahspe*—written sixty years before our modern phase of u.f.o. visitations began—and the historical significance of the "Kosmon Bible" becomes evident.

Need for Examination

I have remarked in earlier articles that there is urgent need for more detailed examination, by students of u.f.o. phenomena, of books of past centuries. Here in my library I have collected books and cuttings relevant to such examination. I am personally convinced—though I might have difficulty in supplying adequate evidence at short notice, for the literature involved is enormous and much patience would be required in assimilation of the interlocking facts—that intelligences from other worlds or dimensions have been communicating with mankind for many centuries. But the word "communicating" involves numerous problems. Dr. Meade Layne, and his Borderland Sciences Research Associates, of San Diego, California, is doing invaluable pioneer work in patient analysis of what one might term the "basic laws" or "standing orders" of communication. He works along lines which, to my mind, are the only ones likely to bring results: he is neither credulous nor sceptical, and is not fettered by time-space presumptions. In his presentation of the Mark Probert mediumship he proves himself a competent and impartial investigator. But like all pioneers he had to plough fields choked with the roots of prejudice and petrified by hardened materialism. Dr. Rolf Alexander is another pioneer whose investigations into the working of the human mind will one day be recognised as of vital importance to any real understanding of this amazing universe. His new book, *The Power of the Mind*, should be read by all students of the u.f.o.s. In my own book, *The Inexplicable Sky,* I have given enough evidence to show that any materialistic explanation of the latest facts regarding sky phenomena is quite untenable.

The Womb of Wonderment

But timeless-spaceless research into universal reality is not yet even in its infancy. We are still in the womb of wonderment, floating, like a mammalian fœtus, in darkness. The truths of outer space come to us in these days as knowledge of its "world-ahead" comes to an unborn infant—in vague feelings and premonitions. How can the fœtus be made to understand that a vaster world of light, education, buildings, nations, music, social intercourse and philosophy awaits it? That is probably the problem, in a higher form, which intelligences from other dimensions are continually trying to solve—how to communicate with this floating fœtus, mankind. It may be that they succeeded in penetrating the flesh-barriers, vaguely and clumsily, when Newbrough typed *Oahspe*.

WORLD ROUNDUP

"*Ten times the size of any existing aircraft*" was the description given by Mr. H. Vaillancourt, of Bishop's Cleeve, of a u.f.o. seen over the Cheltenham area one evening in June. He saw it hovering above Cleeve Hill.

"It was like looking at the *Queen Mary* at a distance of two to three miles at the most."

"The object," he added, "was blazing with light which came from inside and showed through extremely large square windows."

"After hovering for about 10 minutes it moved off in the direction of Charlton Kings. It stopped and then restarted, this time going in the direction of Gloucester.

"For the whole of this time there was not a sound."

Other eye-witness accounts came from Mr. Sidney Hale, of The Green, Apperley, who said he was leaving British Messier Ltd.'s factory on the Cheltenham-Gloucester road at 11.30 p.m. when he saw in the Gloucester direction an object "out of this world."

At about 11.15 p.m. Mr. H. Hands, of 4 Mead Road, Leckhampton, was looking out of his bedroom window when he spotted an object which looked like a star, but was "eight or nine times bigger."

It seemed to be midway between Stroud and Gloucester, and was stationary.

"Then I saw it moving towards the horizon," Mr. Hands said. "It gradually got lower and eventually went out."

Three nights previously another mystery object was reported by Mr. Ken Karlick, of Hester's Way Road, Cheltenham.

He described seeing a terrific beam of light. The object made no noise, and disappeared in the Gloucester direction.

"I am not given to sensationalism," said Mr. Karlick. "As far as flying saucers are concerned, I am as big a sceptic as most people, but this was something very unusual."

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Many Tokyo residents agreed that a flying saucer had flown very low over the city's rooftops early on the morning of May 10.

However, they could not agree on specific details. Newspaper reports said the saucer's size ranged from that of a football to an aeroplane's tail light.

Mr. Sadao Hachiya, of Chiba City, near Tokyo, said it looked exactly like the flying saucers he saw in a film called "The Cosmic Men Came."

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At least seven people in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, spotted a flying saucer on the evening of May 5.

Mr. Walter Rosenthal saw it at 5.15 p.m. from Phillips Avenue. He said it was very low in the sky, north-east of the city, and was perfectly round, bright silver, and moving.

A *Sunday Mail* reporter saw it from outside his offices soon after 6 o'clock. He described it as being like a very bright star, but it moved steadily in and out among the motionless clouds until it was to the south-west of the city.

The Meteorological Office said it could not have been a weather balloon.

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Three Redhill people saw a u.f.o. over their town on Sunday afternoon, July 8.

Mr. Leonard Wornham, of Janita, Woodhatch Road, Redhill, was in his garden at about 3.30 p.m., when his nephew, Mr. Eric Bennett, spotted an object in the sky almost due east.

At first Mr. Wornham thought it was a large star, but when he focused a pair of binoculars a white disc was seen with a small dome on top.

It was stationary for a while, but later seemed to come nearer. Then suddenly it became half

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white and half brilliant red, and shot straight up and disappeared.

The third person to witness the saucer was Mr. Wornham's sister, Mrs. D. Bennett.

This saucer was under observation for over 10 minutes.

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Several " tear-shaped " objects that cast weird lights in the sky were reported over many Kansas towns early on July 19.

Two of the strange objects, with lighted dangling tentacles, were *viewed for five hours* over Arkansas City by Brian Coyne, city editor of the *Arkansas City Traveler,* Mrs. Coyne, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bradberry and by three policemen.

The mysterious objects cast a metallic blue or bluish green light and moved slowly, often changing positions.

Witnesses in Wichita, Hutchinson, Eldorado and Wellington, Kas., also reported seeing a huge light dancing in the sky.

McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita sent a B-29 bomber, and Smoky Hill Air Force Base dispatched two jet planes to investigate.

A u.f.o. was also picked up on the radar screen at Hutchinson.

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" I have never seen anything like it," said Mr. John Kelley, of Fairview, Pool-in-Wharfdale, Yorkshire, commenting on a flying saucer that he and his mother saw while they were motoring in Upper Wharfdale.

Mr. Kelley said he stopped the car by the roadside between Barden and Burnsall.

" We were sitting looking towards Simon's Seat when an object appeared over the hill," he said.

" At first it looked rather like a kite or a big balloon. As we watched it came nearer. It was grey and round, rather like looking at a grey moon.

" It was possibly about a couple of miles away and was about twice the size that an aeroplane would have been at the same distance and height.

" Then it turned on its side, and it was just like two saucers, one on top of the other. It hovered about a bit before it went back over Simon's Seat."

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An uncomfortable feeling of being sized up by a flying saucer was the experience of Leading Aircraftman B. L. Lovelock, of Hobsonville, in New Zealand, while observing it.

On Sunday night, June 10, he saw a u.f.o. when he was walking along the road near Waikumete.

He described it as like an upturned saucer with a bell-shaped dome on top. It was bluey-white and the light from the object seemed to flicker.

Leading Aircraftman Lovelock watched it for some time. Finally, the disc shot straight up and disappeared.

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A small parachute, supporting a 3½-in. long charred cylinder, was found in a street in East London, South Africa, on Monday evening, July 2, after a " scarlet fireball " and a " mysterious white object " had both been reported in the sky.

No aircraft were near the city at the time. The Naval Base Signal Station said no flares had been discharged by it, nor had any flares been fired by shipping at sea.

Mr. M. M. Whyte and his family, of Tapson Street, East London, were about to enter their car when they saw a " fireball " in the sky.

It seemed to revolve round a fixed point and drifted from north to south. The glare gradually fizzled out after it had descended to a fairly low level.

A short while later they noticed a " mysterious white object " float down through the air.

Mr. Whyte drove round the corner and found the small parachute lying in the middle of Renfrew Street. The charred cylinder below the

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parachute was attached to an asbestos cord which, in turn, was fastened on to six silken shroud lines about 14 in. long.

The parachute was about 15 in. in diameter. There were no markings.

Mr. B. W. Black, a member of the committee of The Interplanetary Research Society, said he thought from the description of the object that it was a flying saucer.

"However, I have never heard of a parachute coming down with the object before. This is a new angle."

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Wolverhampton, England, was visited by a large u.f.o. for 45 minutes on Thursday night, June 14.

Enquiries poured into local newspaper offices from eyewitnesses in the area.

It was first seen at 10.45 p.m. coming from the north, a bright yellow disc shining like a star. Then it faded "like an electric light bulb going out slowly."

Several minutes later it reappeared to the south. Then gradually the object edged towards the southern horizon and by 11.30 it was lost to sight.

The authorities worked overtime to "explain" this sighting.

U.S.A.F. Headquarters next day said that flight refuelling exercises were taking place 24 hours a day. It was very possible that American aircraft were doing so over the West Midlands at the times stated on the previous night.

The Meteorological station at Elmden Airport, Birmingham, said it may have been a large weather balloon. An official said that a balloon six feet across is released from Liverpool at 9 p.m. every night, and that the prevailing wind direction would have brought it over Wolverhampton at the time the object was seen.

But this theory was killed by Fazakerloy meteorological station, who release the balloons. Their balloon that night burst at 9.41 p.m., ten miles from Liverpool.

Neither explanations tally with observers' descriptions. The met. men say a balloon would not be lit up and it would have been too late to catch the sun's rays. Slow-travelling jets being refuelled by a transport plane would hardly have given the impression of a bright star.

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A cigar-shaped, golden-yellow coloured object flew at a terrific speed over Patna, Bihar, India, at about 10.15 p.m. on the night of May 13.

From the ground its size at a height of about 3,000 feet appeared to be about four feet.

Flying from south-west to north-east the object, which had a thin wire-like blazing trail of about one and a half feet, disappeared from view over the Ganges, which flanks the northern side of Patna.

It did not crash like a meteor, but just vanished from sight after about 90 seconds.

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A man who was gardening in the Stonefield area, near Oxford, on Tuesday, July 10, saw a large object about the size of an American B.52, a plane familiar in that district.

However, this object consisted of two spheres, seemingly joined by a bar-like structure. The saucer was travelling very fast and very high.

The next day, a housewife in the Kidlington district, also near Oxford, saw in a clear blue sky a silver object, spherical, with a flange round its middle. It was stationary, and was about the size of a football. She watched it for more than a minute.

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Our Brazilian correspondent, Senhor Jose Escobar Faria, in a dispatch to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, has sent an interesting account of a cigar-shaped object over Sao Paulo on December 7, 1954.

He writes: "Firstly was seen a huge u.f.o. in cigar form; its front part was round and pro-

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minent, the centre a little thin. By two gaps the u.f.o. did let loose dense smoke, and described a wide circle when it gave deliverance to three discs with a metallic flare. Seen against the sun they had a red colour."

Two of the flying saucers flew off at fantastic speed to the south and to the north respectively.

The third remained in the open sky doing complicated aerial evolutions for about an hour. Finally, the cigar-shaped mother ship shot upwards and disappeared in a few seconds.

Since then, Senhor Faria reports, flying saucers have been photographed by several people on March 15, this year, near Salta, Argentina. Full details are not yet available, but a cigar-shaped saucer was again present.

Another source reports that National Police Headquarters in Buenos Aires have announced that an aluminium, cigar-shaped object flew over Northern Argentina on April 13.

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Night photographs of a possible large u.f.o. taken by a Salisbury, Rhodesia, photographer are being sent to the British Flying Saucer Bureau at Bristol, England, for analysis.

Mr. John Melrose, of Merrick Park, Salisbury, took two photographs of the full moon.

When developed the negatives were scarred with bright white lines as though a swiftly-moving object of extreme brilliance had swept across the face of the moon.

Mr. Melrose saw no sign of any brilliant object when he took the photographs. He was using a good quality camera and the films were exposed for only three seconds.

The chairman of the Salisbury Flying Saucer Club said: "The fact that Mr. Melrose did not see the object has no bearing at all. Ultra-violet and infra-red rays not visible to the human eye could have made lines on the films. The photographs are unique. In all the books on the subject no reference has ever been made to such an occurrence."

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A bright red glow, surrounded by a flaming halo, hovered over Sydney, Australia, on July 15. The phenomena started shortly after 11 a.m. over the Frenche's Forest area, lasting over half an hour.

Eye-witnesses described it as a brilliant red pin-point of light like a tiny electric light bulb with a red aura all round it.

At 11.35 it disappeared in a cloud haze. Five minutes later it appeared again, and then went out to sea.

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A woman and her four-year-old daughter saw a number of small silver objects in the sky over Nelson, New Zealand, on the morning of July 30.

They saw two objects at first, directly beneath the sun. They appeared to be about one-third the size of the sun from where they were watching. Their shape was slightly oval. They got gradually smaller and suddenly vanished.

A few moments later three similar disc-shaped objects were seen over the cemetery. They were also hovering and in a straight line with the one on the left slightly higher, and the line sloping down to the right.

These objects also vanished in puffs after getting smaller. "They had clear outlines and at no time appeared like clouds," said the observer.

The staff of the Meteorological Station at Tahunanui stated that the objects could not have been weather balloons.

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Flying saucers are back again in Italy. At any rate one has been seen in Bari. A former Italian Air Force officer said he saw a round object glowing with a reddish light. Five relatives of the pilot also saw the saucer.

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Another Italian report comes from Professor Mario Romoli, of Via dei Serragli 133, Florence, who sighted a luminous warm bright yellow-orange saucer near Santa Margherita a Montici. It was 6 p.m. when the object came from the north-east, passing overhead, and disappeared behind the hills of Santa Margherita a Montici, almost over the old church. There was no sound.

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Sardinia has seen saucers, too. Signor Nicolo Ghisu, a teacher, saw a luminous object of large proportions streak across the sky at 8.10 p.m. one evening this summer. "I never saw anything like it before," Signor Ghisu declared. "I shouted to my eldest son, so that he and several other persons in the village saw the object. The spherical part was as big as the moon, and it trailed a

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"tail" which ended in a blue point. After an ample trajectory, the object came as low as 2,000 metres, and then disappeared in a cloud of sparks; otherwise it would have fallen in the fields between Orotelli and Bolotana."

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Thousands of Nepalese villagers saw a flying saucer on August 6 over Southern Nepal, according to a B.U.P. message. Reports said that the object was the size of the sun. The saucer was visible for 90 seconds, changing colour from red, white and blue, before disappearing behind clouds.

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The Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Ginever watched a large object in the sky over Crowhurst, Sussex, for 20 minutes on July 25. Mr. Ginever described it as of sharp appearance, like a small moon, and very white against the blue sky.

The object was seen with both the naked eye and with a pair of binoculars. It seemed to give off orange flames. The globe also seemed—when looked at through the binoculars—to rise and fall from time to time.

The object was the size of a half-crown piece in comparison with a sixpence held at arm's length. It was extremely high.

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Schoolboys saw 20 *saucers* over Ada, Oklahoma, on May 17. It was 10.22 a.m. during the morning break. The boys were out on the playground at the Washington School. Two boys, Kent Meyer and his friend, Clayton Campbell, spotted the objects. Meyer said he saw 20 discs flying fairly low in tight formation. "They were silver grey." The boys said the objects made no sound, nor was any exhaust trail visible.

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Mrs. Bench and her two daughters saw a saucer travelling from east to west, at 10.50 p.m. on August 7, in the Rugby area. They watched the object for 45 minutes. It first moved in one direction, then stopped and hovered, and then moved on again. The object was oval to circular in shape. There was no sound. It changed colour from orange to white.

In early July, states CRIFO, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Grimes, of Bromley, Kentucky, saw a huge glowing object about a quarter the size of the moon shining through their bedroom window about 3 a.m. Both were awakened at the same instant by the intense yellow glow and Mr. Grimes estimated that it was about 30 degrees above the horizon. To him it appeared round and self-luminous. Reassuring himself that he was not being deceived by Mars or a bright star, Grimes watched again, same time, the following night, but saw nothing.

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A reversible u.f.o. was seen at Conway, Mass., at about the same time as the Bromley sighting. An observer, Jack Pease, thought at first the object was a shooting star or plane, but its behavious proved differently. The *Greenfield Recorder-Gazette* stated: "It appeared to be composed of one bright light and, although travelling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, was able to reverse its course completely. A *low-pitched hum*, rather than a whirr, was detected. The object crossed and recrossed the sky several times before speeding away."

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"Angels' Hair" all over Melbourne. Millions of web-like gossamer threads have drifted through Melbourne's seaside suburbs. They have hung from lines and wires, stuck to cars and to clothes, and have draped themselves around trees. The odd thing is that they vanish in a few hours.

The Commonwealth and Industrial Organisation had six scientists study the threads. The gossamer has been tested with ethyl acetate, acetone, lactophenol blue dye. They magnified the threads a hundred times, burnt them, melted them, and changed them into orange.

They decided the threads were not wool, that they did not come from feathers, and that the stuff was not cotton. Netiher was it wool-fibre, and they thought that it did not look like a synthetic fibre.

(See pages 145-50. 207, *The Truth About Flying Saucers*, by Michel, for similar experiences at Oloron, France, (October 17, 1952) and Gaillac, France (October 27 1952). Also see *CRIFO Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 9, for accounts of Angels' Hair phenomena dropped from saucers in U.S.A. and in Italy during October, 1954.—Ed.)

SELECTED BOOKS

Reviewed by The Editor

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS, by Aime Michel. (Criterion Books, Inc., New York, $3.95, and Robert Hale Ltd., London, about 16s. Ready September.)

This book was originally published in France under the title *Lueurs sur les Soucoupes Volantes.* The author is a well-known French mathematician and engineer.

Two recently-published books by Messrs. Ruppelt and Keyhoe respectively were both extremely important for an understanding of the saucer problem. Ruppelt gave us a picture of the U.S.A.F. investigations through Project Blue Book into u.f.o.s, and Keyhoe gave us factual accounts of his own probings from a semi-official angle. Both of these books also concentrated the bulk of their researches in the United States.

However, Monsieur Michel's book must rank with those two books in importance. It is, I write without any hesitation, the most scholarly book written so far on the subject. It is not sensational, although always interesting. Undoubtedly, it is the book which combines a perfect scientific approach, scholarship and fascinating new theories and information in one brilliant literary cocktail.

We have to thank the author's background for his open-minded scientific treatment of u.f.o.s. He holds several mathematical degrees, and is Science Editor of the French National Radio Network. Incidentally, Michel brings in supporting weight from high-rating European scientists.

He re-assesses some of the classical American sightings in a manner which can truly be admired, and as a Frenchman gives us some fascinating sighting reports from his own country, in addition to some from the rest of Europe, Africa and Asia.

The author devotes space in his book to an explanation of Lieutenant Plantier's gravity-force field propulsion theory, showing how saucers could come here, breaking the gravity and thermal barriers and travel through interstellar space and time, notwithstanding our wonderful laws of attraction and gravitation.

That is not all, the philosophical aspects of this enormous subject are also covered. You see, I forgot to tell you that Monsieur Michel has some philosophical degrees, too. You must not miss this book.

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Mr. Edwards is now working on television and loves his new career. I can't resist taking this little gem from his book. His attitude towards the latest phase of his career is like Horatio Alger's attitude towards sex. For more than 30 years Mr. Alger preserved his virginity, until he fell into the clutches of a winsome little waitress in Paris. Next morning, in his diary, Mr. Alger wrote:

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Sir,

I am very sorry that your correspondent, A. Arundel, in your May-June issue opens his letter with a "strong objection" to my statement that Einstein has "knocked Newton on the head"—for I find myself in absolute agreement with everything that he says but this, yet am compelled to defend myself. I cannot feel that it would serve any useful purpose to begin a controversy with him on the relation of Einstein with Newton. But I hope you will allow me to justify my statement—for it can most certainly be justified.

Taking a quick historical survey: Lobatchevsky gave us non-Euclidean geometry. Weierstrass showed that continuity does not involve infinitesimals. Cantor's theory of continuity and infinity resolved Zeno's classical paradoxes. Frege showed that arithmetic sprang from logic, while Russell and Whitehead have sketched fundamentals in their mathematical principles. The result of all this is that all hope of explaining phenomena from a comprehensive "system" or "theory" of the Universe must be abandoned. And Einstein it is who has dealt the death-blow to this hope. As Lincoln Barnett says in his *The Universe and Dr. Einstein**: "All of modern mechanics and engineering grew out of Newtonian concepts, and the heavens appeared to operate in accordance with his laws. Einstein, however, whose discoveries have all sprung from an inherent distrust of dogma, disliked several of Newton's assumptions. He doubted that the balance of gravitation and inertia was merely an accident of nature. And he rejected the idea of gravitation being a force that can be exerted simultaneously over great distances. . . . So out of his objections he evolved a new theory of gravitation." This involved a far greater revolution in scientific and philosophic thought than any of the "steps" towards his theory which I have above indicated.

Professor Thirring, of Vienna, wrote as early as 1921: "We overthrew Newtonian mechanics," and "We overthrew his theory of gravitation."† I might give chapter and verse for many other statements of this kind by authorities. Realising your own problems of space and time, Mr. Editor, I will give just one more: I take this from C. E. Last's masterly and revolutionary work, *Man in the Universe*.‡ If there is one single unhappy person among your many readers who professes an interest in the fantastic sky-happenings of modern times who has not read this book. I beg him (or her) to stop smoking for a week and buy it. Last says much that confirms my statement of the thwacks which Albert dealt on Isaac's bloody but unbowed pate. (I did not say that Einstein killed Newton.) He quotes Jeans, Lodge and Sherrington to show that Newton's law of gravitation lent itself to a mechanical interpretation, implying a "force of gravity," while Einstein's law does not lend itself to any such mechanical interpretation whatever, the "force" having disappeared, leaving a "curvature of space."

Believe, if you wish, Mr. Arundel, that Newton's theory was the basis of Einstein's theories. I am willing to agree that it was—in the sense that you must have a pate before you can thwack it. But please let's not quarrel or even argue. Poor old Newton is still reeling round in circles (as he pictured suns and planets doing) as the result of something or other that has happened. If Einstein merely patted Newton on the back, then Sir Isaac must have been very weak on his philosophical pins.

Yours,
ARTHUR CONSTANCE.

* Gollancz, 1949.
† *The Ideas of Einstein's Theory* (Methuen).
‡ Werner Laurie, 1954.

Aldwinckle Plastered

Sir,

Mr. Aldwinckle's criticisms of the Adamski and Allingham books are similar to those expressed by many people in this country. My own doubts are parallel to his disbelief; however, I have not been convinced that these dreams, visions, or whatever, bear no relation to the actual truth. I believe that the truth is fantastic and that, if and when the truth is told, the average layman can at best form only a vague concept of it. And I should add that I believe there is more than one kind of being within or behind these phenomena.

I wouldn't attempt to defend Adamski, nor have I any wish to do so. However, I can't see why Aldwinckle makes an issue of the plaster of Paris. George Williamson, one of Adamski's party on that 20th of November, is an anthropologist—I've no reason to doubt this since I heard it from Williamson himself—and it's likely that he did take plaster of Paris on the expedition.

I heard Williamson speak at Giant Rock, Calif., in the spring of '54. He spoke at length and with rather painstaking accuracy. His description of the witnessing of Adamski's alleged first meeting with the Venusian was not reassuring. A pair of opera glasses were used (why didn't someone have binoculars?) and none of the witnesses saw very clearly what was going on. As I recall, Williamson said they saw "gestures"—*not* "we saw Adamski and another man gesturing." On the other hand, Williamson definitely confirmed the sighting of the great space craft. I can't recall what he said about the footprints—yes, now I do recall. He confirmed Adamski on that score also.

To imagine that Williamson and Adamski collaborated to perpetrate a fraud in regard to the sighting and the footprints is to imagine both men out of character. Although I'm not acquainted with either, I heard both speak "in person"; and although Adamski might with the best intentions represent his dreams as actual experience, he would not ask Williamson (who, by the way, is more concerned with detail) to lie for him. At least, this was my impression.

Now that I've mentioned lies, let me say that Adamski, Bethurum, Williamson, Angelluci and Fry gave me the impression that they would *not* lie. I had one long conversation with Orfeo Angelluci—it lasted for hours—I found him something of a visionary and perhaps some-

thing of a genius, but the idea that he would lie never crossed my mind . . . Orfeo's original testimony in his own writing is quite interesting.

ED WORTHLEY,
Denison, Texas, U.S.A.

Narrow Ruts and Blind Feet

Sir,

The kernel of Mr. A. Arundel's 700-odd word criticism of my recent "muddle-headed letter on religion" seems to be contained in the following extract: "It is altogether forgotten by the modern world that religion is a path to be *followed*." How unfortunate it is that "paths" become trodden into narrow ruts by a procession of blindly following feet.

My critic has a penchant, so it seems, for the Bible, for Christian Saints, and for Reincarnation. He dares to criticise my preference for Psychology.

What, may I ask, is the Bible if not in reality a rather untidily composed and self-contradictory "case-history" of the Jewish race? What are the majority of the "Saints" if they are not Exhibitionists, Masochists and Self-destructives? Their only saving grace lies (with perhaps the obvious exception of Simeon Stylites) in their hallowed "odour of sanctity." The inclusion of the Reincarnation supposition in an argument impinging on the flying saucer mystery is an open invitation to a sharp cut from 'Occam's Razor."*

Nevertheless, I do agree with Mr. Arundel that it is not at all a bad idea to become a "chela" to an "Oriental Master" but, following in the down-to-earth footsteps of Mrs. Beaton—"First catch your Oriental Master"!

Is it not far easier and more rewarding to *study* and thereby to discover facts for oneself rather than go on a wild-hare chase for an Illf Karmi or indeed any other "Master"? Long before the 1946 outbreak of "Saucerrhoea" these "Masters" and their "schools" had been springing up and spreading like toadstools in a fairy-ring. The very briefest study of Psychology, Mr. Arundel, will explain the reason.

I could not agree more with the statement: "Belief in the inevitable (*sic*) evolution of man to the divine is fallacious." As a rider to this I would like to suggest that a belief in the "inevitability" of *anything* is rather an invitation to at least a disappointment. In particular I refer to the supposed "progress" of the Wheel of Karma, the consequential (to Mr. Arundel anyhow) fallacy of the theory of the Redemption and, perhaps foremost of all, the naïve and simple trust of so many wishful-thinking but sincere people in the eagerly-sought goal at the end of their particular chosen "path."

In conclusion I should like again to quote a passage from the *Bible*:

"Let not the blind lead the blind lest together they fall into the ditch."

*("Occam's Razor":—Essentia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem—here best translated as "One hypothesis at a time *if you please*!)

JOHN PITT,
Surbiton, Surrey.

Chariots of Fire

Sir,

"I am convinced that there is some portentious meaning behind the phenomenon (of flying saucers) with all its ramifications," writes Eric Aldwinckle in his article, "Who's Who in Flying Saucer Reports?" (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 2, No. 3).

I, too, believe that there is something definitely prophetic about their reappearance in our history.

For when Mr. Aldwinckle says that the Greeks should have described a saucer as a Flaming Chariot Wheel he doubtless realises that the term Chariot of Fire is a common expression in the Bible, especially in prophetic writings. And that Elijah, the greatest of all Holy Prophets, was actually taken up into heaven in one, 3,000 odd years ago (II Kings, 2: 11). The significance of this is twofold: (1) saucers, in one form or another, have certainly existed for thousands of years, and (2) occupants of saucers can and do establish contact with humans on earth—thoughts are read, lives directed. . . .

But, Sir, it is highly dangerous to assume that all flying saucers are benevolent—ample biblical evidence exists to prove that this is far from being the case. There are, indeed, grim forebodings recorded in Holy Scripture of "stars falling from heaven" and creating a deal of trouble for us poor mortals. Here we find an immense subject in itself, but stars in the scriptures are usually synonymous with angels, bad angels in particular, and since all observers are agreed that saucers do in fact look amazingly like stars, we should be well advised to curb the enthusiasm of our less discerning brethren.

E. V. INGLESBY,
Lieut.-Comdr., R.N. (Retd.).

Conference Suggested

Sir,

I have one suggestion to make, and I shall be glad to have your reaction to it. What do you think of convening a Ufological Conference at some central place, like London? This is different from the conference I proposed some months ago, for that was an international conference for settling the question of the reality or otherwise of flying saucers. The conference I am now proposing will be a conference of those who believe in the existence of the flying saucers and who want to discuss how the prevailing scepticism regarding their existence can be removed, and also other questions, such as an inquiry into the causes which prevent the flying saucers from landing more frequently than they do now, the discovery of ways and means of communicating with the crews of the flying saucers and space-ships, the removal of the attitude of hostility of some Governments which stands in the way of making a proper investigation of these objects, the establishment of a Central Institute of Ufological Research with branches spread all over the world, and various other questions. You have done a great thing in starting a journal devoted to the investigation of problems connected with ufology. But don't you think the subject is of such importance that something more is needed? I personally think that the problem of space travel and interplanetary communication far transcends

in importance every other problem which interests mankind at the present moment, and that the time has come for taking some decisive step in this matter. One such step is the holding of a Ufological Conference. If you approve of the idea, I shall be happy if you give publicity to it.

S. K. MAITRA,
Professor, Banaras University, India.

Good idea ! Comments please.—Ed.

Overshadowed

Sir,

In answer to the letter by A. R. Brimer in May/June issue, may I be permitted to point out that the "Cosmic Water" charging process was given as a *health* practice. Whether Mr. Brimer or his ilk believe it or not, this practice does *work*. Like many self-styled practical individuals, Mr. Brimer is willing to condemn such a procedure without due investigation. The group referred to by Mr. Brimer has received much evidence from England and overseas which substantiates the claim that "Anyone suffering from nervous debility should drink three glasses of Cosmic-charged water daily and within two weeks great benefit will result." Up to the present not one letter has been received which states this claim is false.

Yes, Mr. Brimer, this group certainly has many followers, and can you blame people for believing in that which they can *prove* for themselves . . . !

The medium of this group has *not* made the claim that he has been "controlled by our Lord Himself twice, in public."

I suggest that Mr. Brimer gets his facts correct. The claim was made that the medium was *once*, in public, *overshadowed* by The Master Jesus.

I emphatically agree with Mr. Brimer's statement that it is not "hard to envisage the reaction of most thinking people to this sort of thing," because, at a following meeting, a tape recording of this speech was replayed to meet the public *demand*. In fact, so great has been the *demand* that the medium has had to travel all over London to replay this tape to private groups of spiritually-minded, deep-thinking people. People of culture who, unlike Mr. Brimer, were all thoroughly satisfied with the source of the message.

I must register a strong protest against the statement made by John Pitt in the same issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. Mr. Pitt said that this group claims that a "tape recording has been made of the voice of Jesus."

This statement is completely false.

The group claims that a tape recording was made of the voice of the medium while he was *overshadowed* by The Master Jesus.

No claim for "direct voice" communication from Jesus has been made by either the medium or any other responsible officer of this Society in connection with this tape recording.

To sum up, I would like to point out, both to Mr. Pitt and Mr. Brimer, that the medium of this group has a telepathic contact with a planetary intelligence which can and does give details of flying saucer activity *before* it takes place.

A glance at the issues Nos. 6 and 7 of the magazine published by this group proves this beyond all doubt.

These are *facts* which have been corroborated by readers as far afield as South Australia.

In defence of the approach adopted by this group, may I say that no other magazine in the world is able to do such things at present. And, whether the Pitts and Brimers like it or not, such an approach gets all the important *results*.

The planetary intelligence in question says: "Accept the whole Truth—not just that little piece you like to take from Truth—but the whole Truth, whether you like it or not."

GEORGE KING,
London, W.9.

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

Reporting sightings in the Antipodes, Harold Fulton, head of Civilian Saucer Investigation of New Zealand, writes: "The Sydney *Daily Telegraph* of June 19 reported midday observations of a strange lighted object which increased and decreased in brilliance over Sydney. Seventy miles away a number of people reported vapour trails at the same time, but the R.A.A.F. denied having any aircraft in the area.

"On June 29 a mystery explosion rocked Melbourne and an area 60 miles around the city, whose authorities disclaimed responsibility. Windows were cracked, crockery was broken and the wind that followed the explosion hurled people to the ground at Altona, eight miles south-west of Melbourne. A R.A.A.F. spokesman said it may have been a Sabre jet.

"On July 8 the Sydney *Sunday Telegraph* was headlined 'R.A.A.F. IN "SAUCER" HUNT OVER SYDNEY.' A R.A.A.F. plane flew over North Sydney yesterday to investigate a report of two unidentified objects in the air. The R.A.A.F. acted upon reports received from a Mr. Light and other Cremorne residents, who claimed to have watched two metallic-like objects that gave off a bright light which appeared overhead between noon and 1 p.m. at about 2,000 ft. After disappearing one of the objects reappeared at 2.10 p.m. 'They weren't aircraft, nor were they weather balloons; I've seen plenty of them,' said Mr. Light, who was a radar equipment operator with the R.A.A.F. during World War II. The R.A.A.F. plane failed to sight the objects."

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